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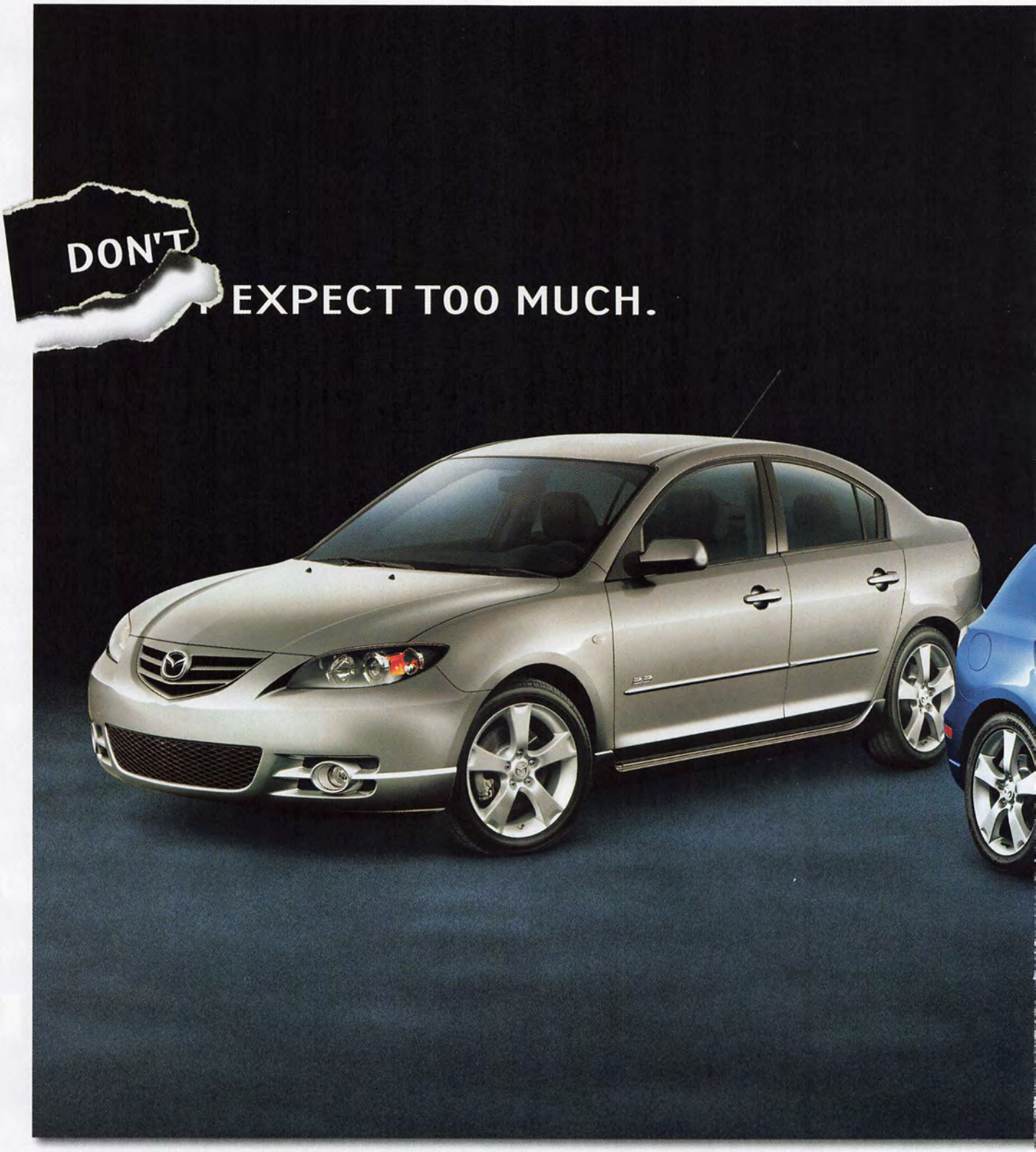

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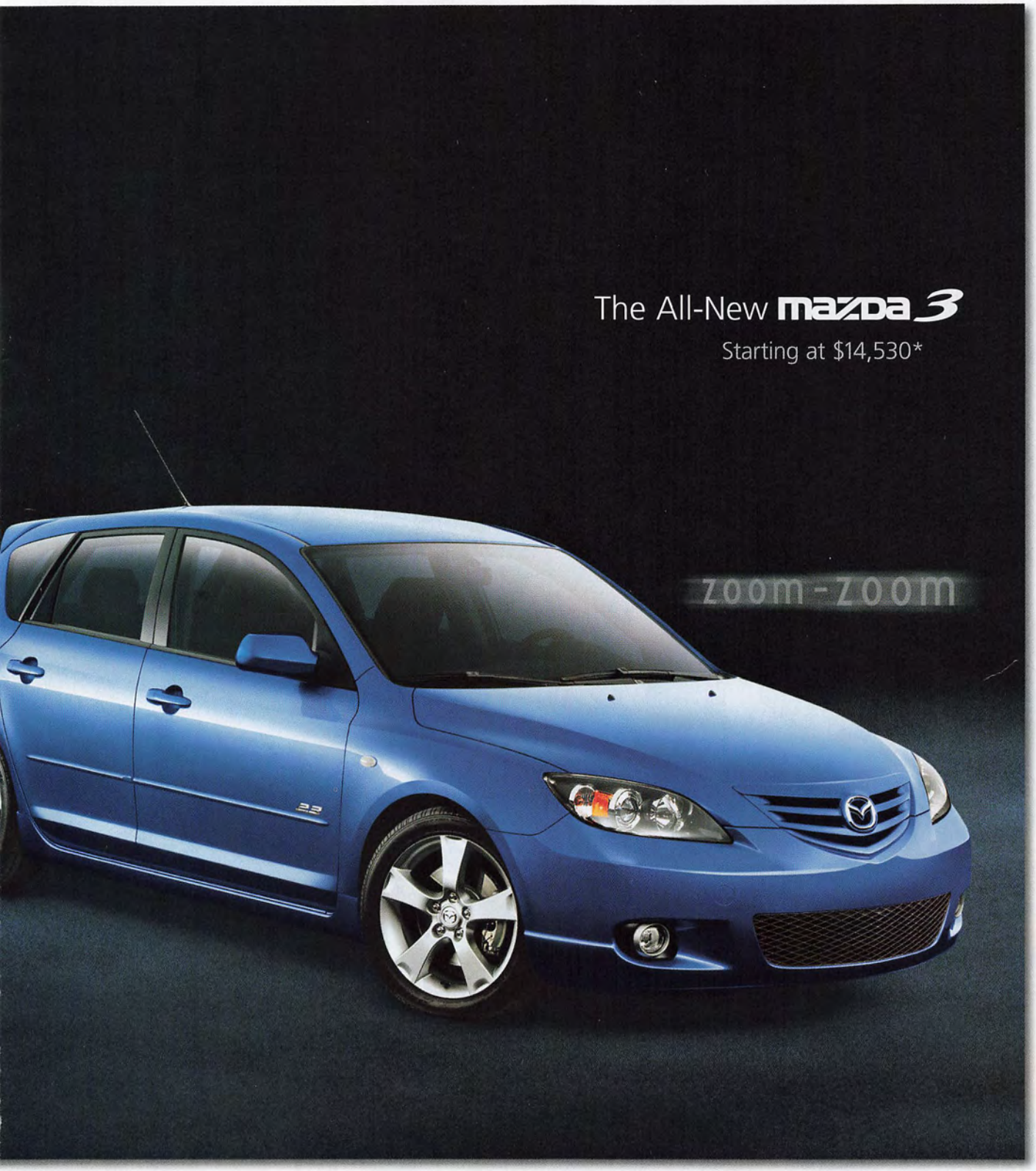

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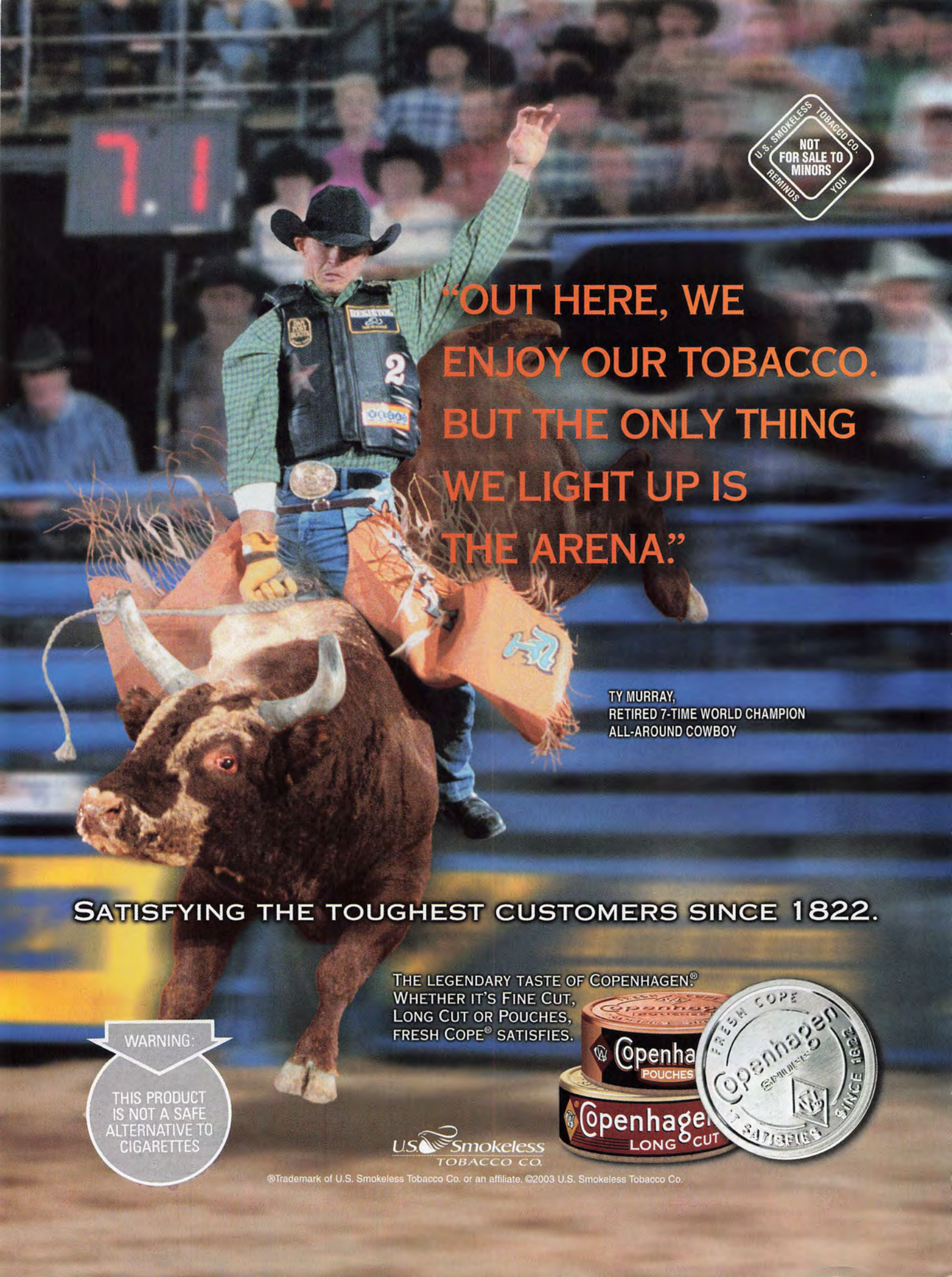
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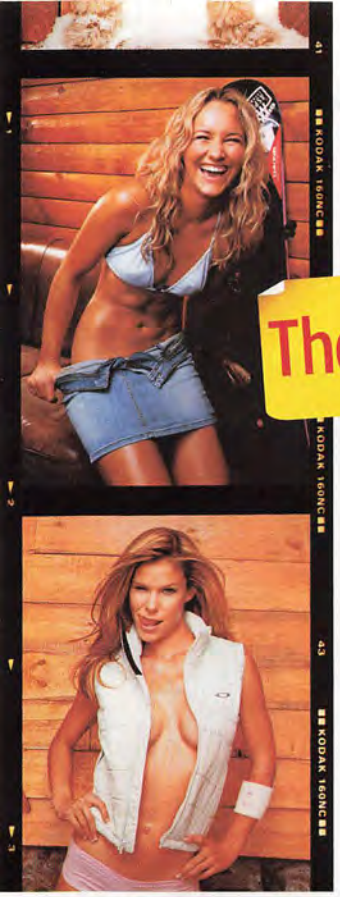

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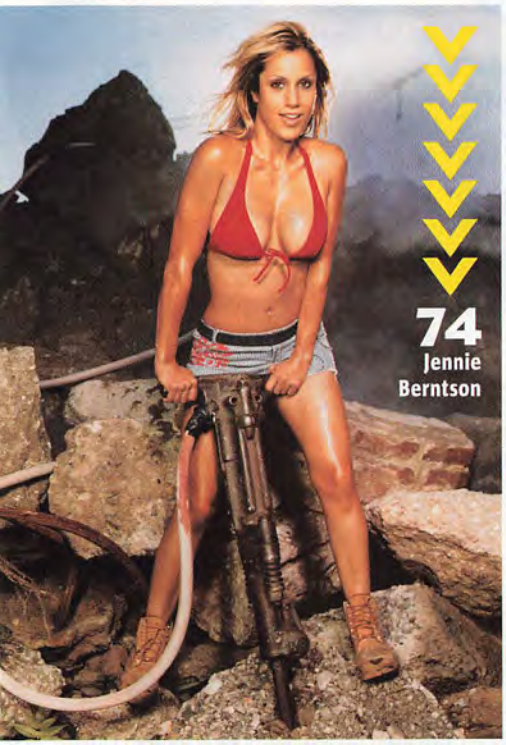

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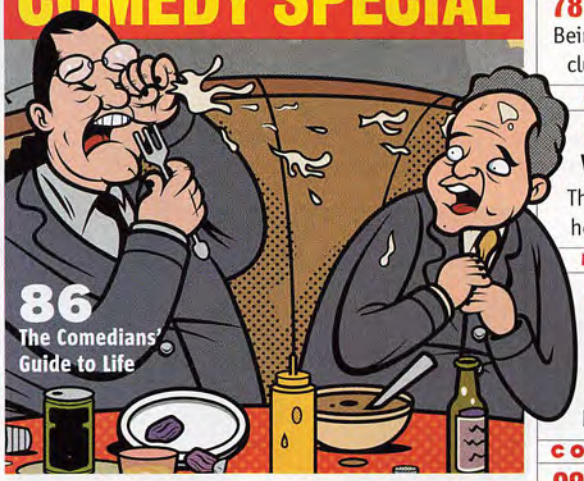

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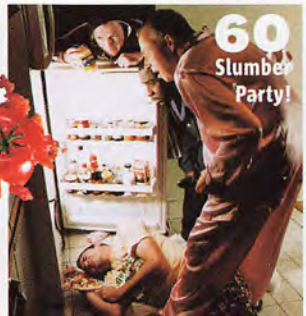

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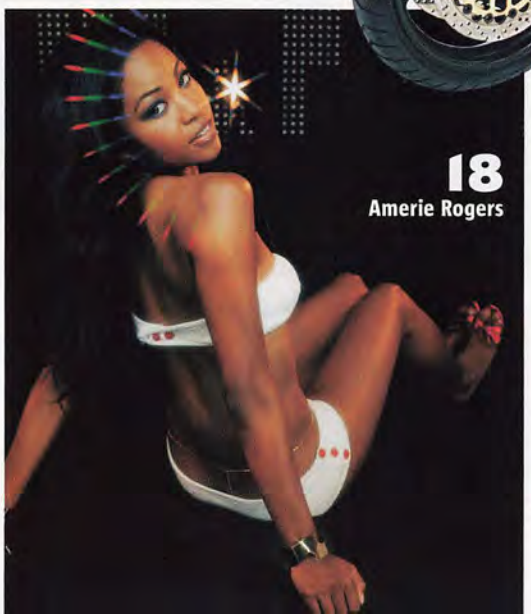

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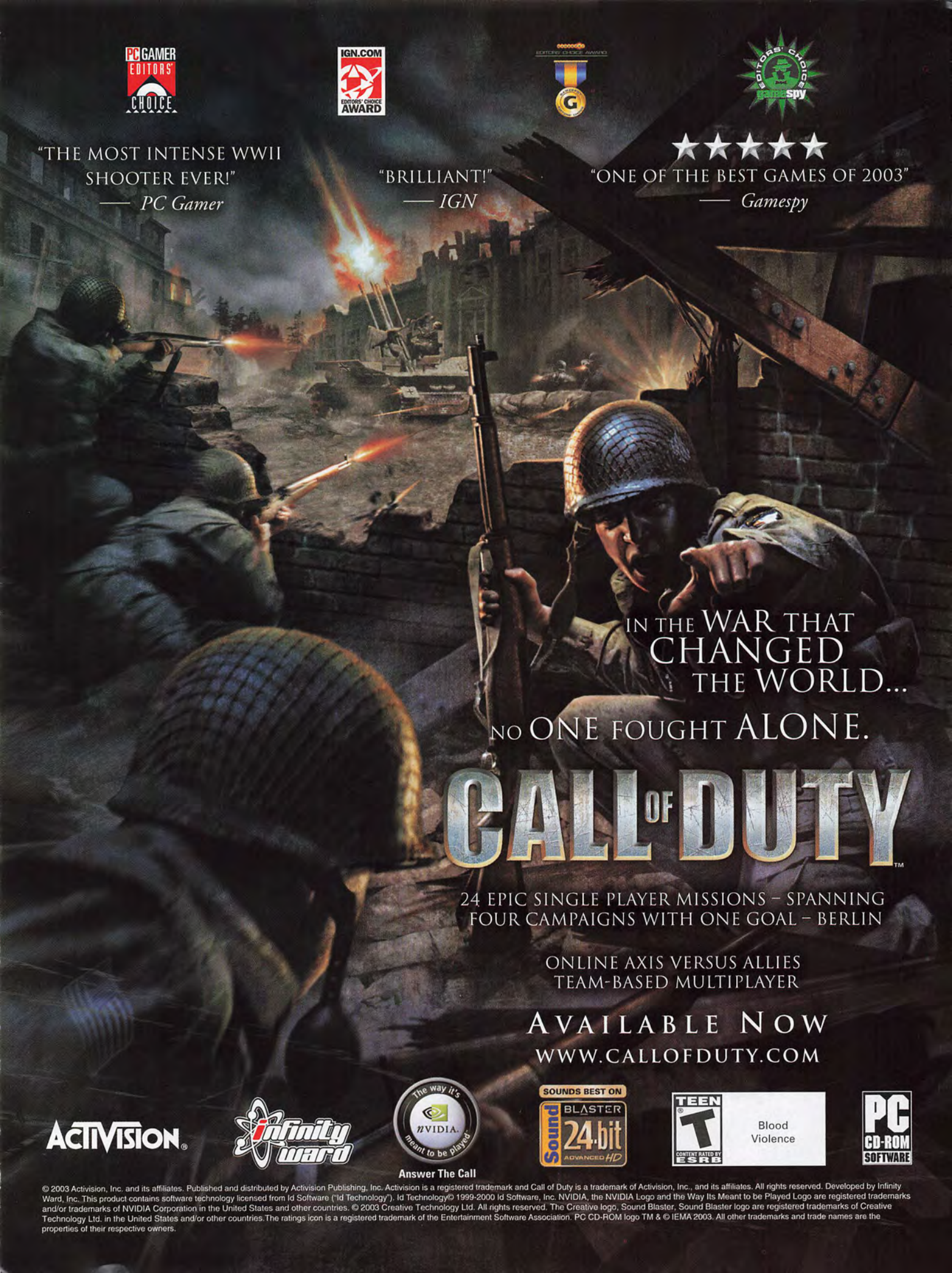
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When we set out to produce our first-ever comedy special for this month's issue, there were certain personalities we simply had to include. So as you work your way through this issue, you'll find dozens of the nation's hottest comedians, including: Comedy Central's Dave Chappelle offering advice on how to survive the boonies (page 89); *Barbershop 2*'s Cedric the Entertainer cutting a rat-tail into the back of section editor Adam Winer's head (page 48); radio mavericks Opie & Anthony outlining a foolproof plan for pissing off your boss (page 91); and the crew from Colin Quinn's *Tough Crowd* treating senior editor Jon Chase's apartment like a sorority girl treats her liver (page 60). What you won't find is the 20th-year-reunion photo shoot we had planned for the cast of the most hilarious feature film ever, *Revenge of the Nerds*.

That's right, we contacted Tri-Lams, Alpha Betas, Pi Delta Pis and even Omega Mus, and the response was overwhelming. Takashi, for instance, quickly called back and offered to help us hunt down some of the more elusive Tri-Lams. Booger promptly RSVPed and was pleasantly surprised when the list of respondents we read to him included Wormser ("I thought he was dead!"). It seemed as if everything was falling perfectly into place, when on one dank, dreary afternoon we received the kind of horrifying phone call of which nightmares are made: Arnold Poindexter was too busy to make it to our photo shoot. It was as if somebody had put liquid heat in our jocks.

At *FHM*, we refuse to let such an epic event die without putting up a fight. That's why we're asking you, the readers, to log on to www.FHMUS.com and show your support by signing the "We need Poindexter!" petition. Our goal is to guilt the legendary violinist into attending a *Revenge of the Nerds* reunion shoot that would appear in *FHM* later this year. The first signature is already there—it's from Andrew "Wormser" Cassese (above, little guy), who was kind enough to fill this issue's *Nerds* void by helping us test the movie's scientific claims on page 22. Wormser echoes the sentiments of a nation when he offers this shout-out to Poindexter: "You're holding this up for the Tri-Lams and everybody else. Remember your roots."

Enjoy the issue,

Scott Gramling
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Marv Tuck, Philadelphia, PA
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Kevin Rogers, Anchorage, AK

Occupation Geologist
Cheese or bacon? "Pepperjack without a doubt. Cheese is *goooooood*."
How much do you bench? "Probably 170, but I only weigh about 150."
Life lesson "The best part of my job is staking a mining claim. I fly around in a helicopter, throwing out claim markers—basically playing the world's biggest game of lawn darts. But there's no side door to the helicopter and the only thing holding me in is a tow line, so if I fall out, I get tugged along behind the helicopter like a kite. Plus, everywhere we go, there are bears. I carry a shotgun or a .44 all the time. In reality a .44 is just gonna piss a bear off. It's more about peace of mind."
Statement of devotion to *FHM* "I've probably taken *FHM* farther north than anybody else ever has."

Are you qualified to be Reader of the Month? Send pictures and your phone number, and we'll decide.

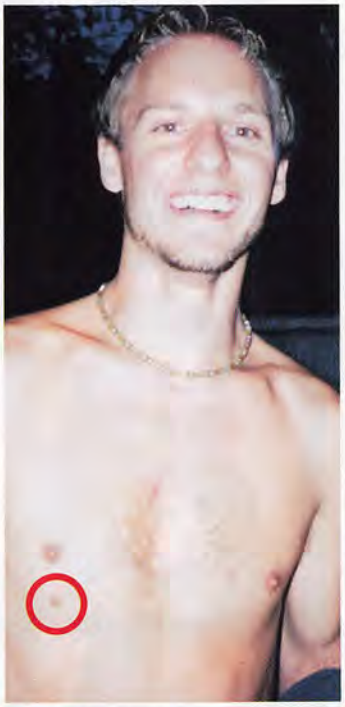
Pumpkins get sexy

On Halloween, some guys in our dorm at Manhattan College had a little pumpkin-carving contest. Wanting to stray from a boring pumpkin face, we did an interpretation of *FHM*'s Halle Berry photo shoot instead. The best thing about it is, as the pumpkin gets old, more and more of her clothing comes off.
Chris Kolk & Paul Santaniello, Bronx, NY
A nice effort, but we have one question: Why does Halle Berry have a tail?

Want to share your thoughts, complaints or pictures of yourself toting guns?
Send them to us at Letters to the Editor, *FHM*, 110 Fifth Ave., New York, NY 10011, or e-mail letters@FHMUS.com. Notes that see print earn $50; send us a picture and we'll double it.

HUSBAND SHARES PRESENT WITH WORLD

I'm hoping you can help me. I bought my husband, Barrett, his first copy of *FHM* a few years ago at an airport and then signed him up for a subscription. Now Barrett's about to turn 40. He loves it when I "impress" him with the birthday present I pick out for him. I was racking my brain for an idea of what to get him this year when it hit me: What would surprise him more than seeing pictures of his wife in *FHM*? Can you put me in?
Brenda Klemm, North Platte, NE
This one's for you, Barrett. And for the millions of other men who will be staring at your wife in her panties. Happy birthday!



EXCESS

MORE READERS, MORE NIPPLES

With shots of all these extra teats, it's time to start keeping count

In September, our Reader of the Month had a third nipple. Then in December, two more readers sent in pictures showing they each had *four* chest nubbins. And now we have these gentlemen, Brian Klassen of Saskatoon, Saskatchewan, and Gary DeLawyer of Twentynine Palms, CA. They have three and four teats, respectively. All of which had us wondering: How many total extra nipples do *FHM* readers possess? Since approximately one out of 100 people has a noticeable extra nipple, and since *FHM* has a readership of nearly 4 million, there should be approximately 40,000 extra nipples hovering over our magazine monthly. We want to see them. If you've got three, four or—please God—five teats, send a picture to Check Out My Nips!, *FHM*, 110 Fifth Ave., New York, NY 10011. We'll keep an official count on this specially designed Nipple-O-Meter. We expect pictures from all 40,000 of you.

NIPPLE-O-METER

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OUTREACH

BOOZE CHARITY

Another reader wins an all-expense-paid trip to Drinkytown

BUY THIS MAN A BEER!

WE THE EDITORS OF *FHM* CERTIFY THAT Cory Frank DESERVES A FREE BEER.

He's recovering from a back injury, his girlfriend left him for a douche bag, the Bengals won a football game and he has to live with the fact that he will someday be a lawyer. Please help ease his suffering by purchasing him a bottle of sudsy relief.

PITY EXPIRATION DATE: FEBRUARY 29, 2004

"I saw the 'Buy This Man a Beer!' card you gave to a guy in November. Can I get one too?" asks Cory Frank, of Gainesville, FL. "I'm in law school and it's tearing up my life. My girlfriend got pissed that I couldn't spend time with her, so she left me for some meathead who's training to be a Navy SEAL. I threw my back out while lifting a bag of books—even though that's only supposed to happen to dudes over 40. And then, the fucking Bengals beat the Chiefs, which cost me $1,000."

Not a bad sob story, Cory. Here's the card. Laminate it and present it to people in bars. Remember, the pass expires in one month. After that you need to just suck it the hell up.

Attention Losers!

If you've had a hard month, send details of your misery and a photo to Booze Charity at the usual address.

WHAT'S WRONG WITH FHM?

If you find a mistake in *FHM* and we print it, you win $20. In fairness, however, if you say the dumbest thing we hear all month, we expect you to send us the same amount in return.

◆ In your Burning Question about why giving a thumbs-up is good, you note that the tradition goes back to the days of gladiators. You end by saying that Roger Ebert gave the movie *Gladiator* a thumbs-up of his own. In fact, Ebert gave it a thumbs-down.
Nicholas Andersen, Santa Fe, NM

◆ In your "Scare the Kids!" article about terrifying children's movies, you mention that the bad guys in *The Dark Crystal* "look like tortured rabbits on stilts." Actually, the scary rabbit beasts were the heroes' mode of transportation. It was the freaky vulture things that were the bad guys.
John Davis, Memphis, TN

IDIOT OF THE MONTH

You ran the wrong picture of the Eagles cheerleader named Adrienne ["Philly's Finest"]. She talks about how she only had on body paint, but the picture shows a girl in a garter belt. Where's my painted woman?
Todd Mescon, Isleton, CA

Of course the garter belt looks real, that's the point of body paint, isn't it? Didn't you notice that the outfit she's wearing is the same as the one she describes in her quote? We expect our $20 no later than February 29.

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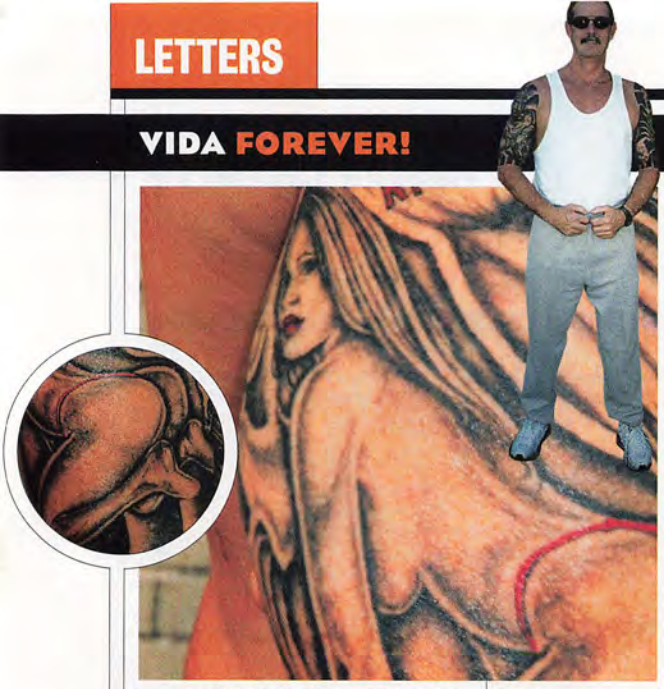
VIDA FOREVER!



Back in September, we met a man with *FHM*'s wildly popular model Vida Guerra inked into his thigh. The call was then put out for others with similar tattoos.

We received two responses—both from guests of the U.S. penal system. What are the odds? Behold Billy Martin (above left), aka prisoner No. 08480-078 at the Federal Correctional Institution in Texarkana, TX. "Vida has such a magnificent ass that I just had to have her on me!" writes Martin, desperately hoping someone will pick up his double-entendre.

And then there's Alfred Salazar, of the U.S. Penitentiary in Florence, CO (above right). "I have a tattoo of Vida on my leg," Salazar claims. "Here's a picture." Perhaps we weren't clear, Sal. We were looking for "tattoos," not "poor sketches done with a contraband Bic pen." Nonetheless, for their efforts, both gentlemen will receive $100 and an autographed pic of Vida. The same will go to anyone else who has Vida ink that we print. But let's be clear: In the future we will insist on actual tattoos. Drawings, iron-ons and/or birthmarks that may resemble Vida won't count.

MUSIC

MARRIAGE PROFANITY

Reader has *FHM* track down *Old School*'s cursing wedding band

"*Old School* was definitely the best film of 2003 like you said ["The Best of 2003," December]," writes Stuart Bloom from Athens, GA. "But you missed the greatest part: the cussing band from the wedding. Do you think those guys would play at my wedding?"

Here at *FHM*, we'd like nothing more than for Stuart and his bride to slow dance to a profanity-filled "Total Eclipse of the Heart," so we tracked down the the singers. Meet The Dan Band, an L.A.-based all-male group that sings chick songs. You can check them out at www.thedanband.com. "The band's origin is a tale of beer and karaoke tragically colliding," says lead singer Dan Finnerty. "I did 'I Am Woman' at karaoke and was drunk enough to think it was funny. Then I just kept doing more."

Sadly, however, the band doesn't do weddings. "Nobody wants to see their grandma choke to death when we start singing 'motherfucker,'" Finnerty explains. "We did one wedding after a guy begged me. Cut to the wife's entire family looking horrified. And the more horrified they got, the more I grabbed my crotch and swore because I got nervous and sweaty. I was like, 'My God, I have to stop.' But it was like Tourette's. I made a vow: No more weddings. It's mainly to protect the grandmas."

Not appropriate for passports

I was at a bar with a photo booth when a friend mentioned the *FHM* story where girls stripped in a similar booth ["Show & Tell," December]. We'd had a few drinks, so we took turns re-creating the story. The other girls were too chicken to send in their shots, but here are mine. Am I worthy of being in *FHM*?
Marissa Wetovsky, Chicago, IL

Yes you are. We're sending you $100 for using the booth as God intended—if He didn't want people stripping in there, He wouldn't have put up that little curtain. The same cash will go to any lady who duplicates Marissa's deed as long as we print the pictures. Send yours to Four Shots at Heaven! at the usual address.

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REPORTER

SEEING IS BELIEVING

THE FHM REPORTER GIRL

AMERIE ROGERS

The R&B sensation prepares to unleash hotness in *First Daughter*

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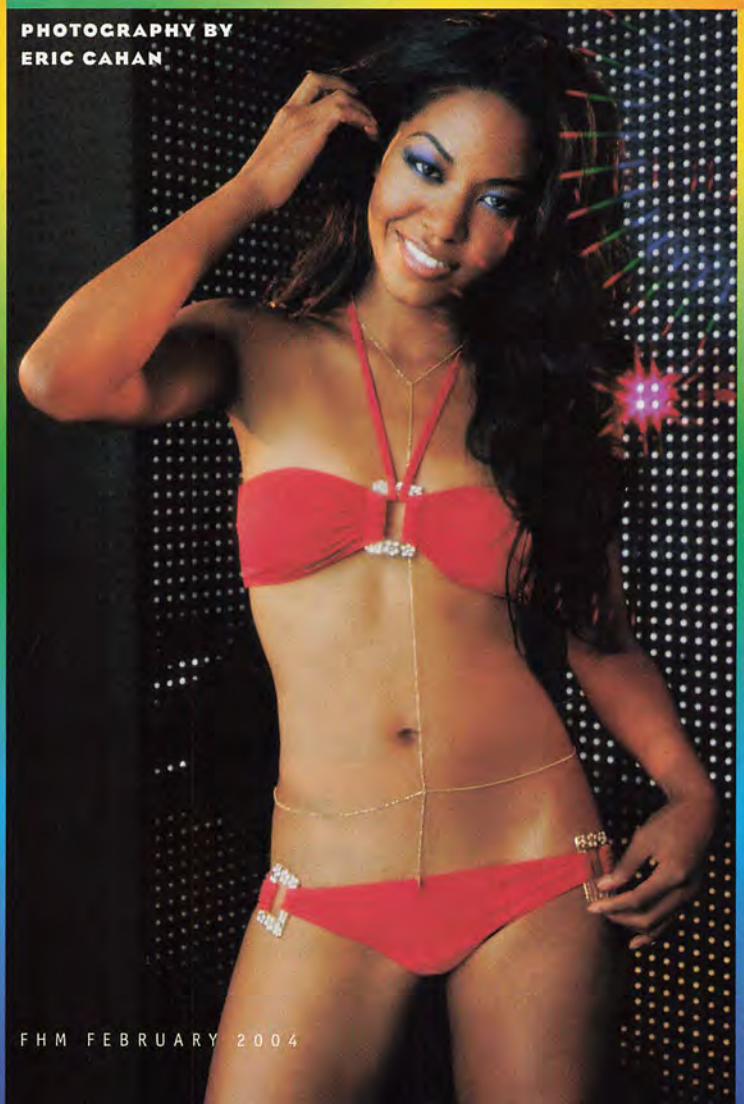

It's hard to focus on national security with an erection. That's why the CIA has requested President Bush keep his hot daughters as far away from Washington, DC, as possible—and out of sight of the capital's hard-working men. Barbara and Jenna have obliged by maintaining a low profile in Panama City, Cancún and Daytona Beach.

True to form, Hollywood flies in the face of logic with *First Daughter*. The comedy, due out later this year, stars Katie Holmes as the president's DC-dwelling little girl alongside R&B sensation Amerie

I've never had my heart broken. Actually, I've never been in love before

Rogers, who makes her big-screen debut playing the role of her best friend.

"In the film, Katie and I don't get along at first," says the 23-year-old beauty. "I'm concerned that she's taking away my shine. My character's dad is the tire king of the South, you see."

Amerie's Hollywood breakthrough follows the success of her 2002 gold-plated R&B debut, *All I Have*. In the 12 months since the album dropped, the masterpiece of African-American and Korean parentage has toured with Usher and Nelly and did a BET show called *The Center*. Now she's busy

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working on her next album, which, refreshingly for the genre, promises not to feature a sobbing woman whose heart has been run over by her boyfriend's SUV while his mistress rides shotgun. Amerie simply cannot relate.

"I've had my feelings hurt, but I've never had my heart broken," the Washington, DC, native says. "Actually, I've never been in love before. Growing up, I was kind of a nerd. I developed a little late too. When you're young, guys are so caught up with butts and breasts because, up until that point in their lives, no one has any—except for their

I've got enough to make it happen and I've always had nice legs

mom and her friends. Mine came, though not necessarily the big butt part, and not really the big breasts part. But I think I've got enough to make it happen and I've always had nice legs." Potential suitors would agree, but they should know that Amerie has no time for weaklings—"I like nice guys, but not Mr. Nice Guys"—and that she's far from conceited.

"I guess I'm not bad looking," says the Georgetown grad. "Once I saw, 'Amerie is ugly' on a message board. But so what. Look at what people say about J.Lo or Halle Berry. It doesn't matter how special you think you are, people are always going to bring you down. After all, they even killed Jesus." (BT)

See more of Amerie at **FHMUS.com**

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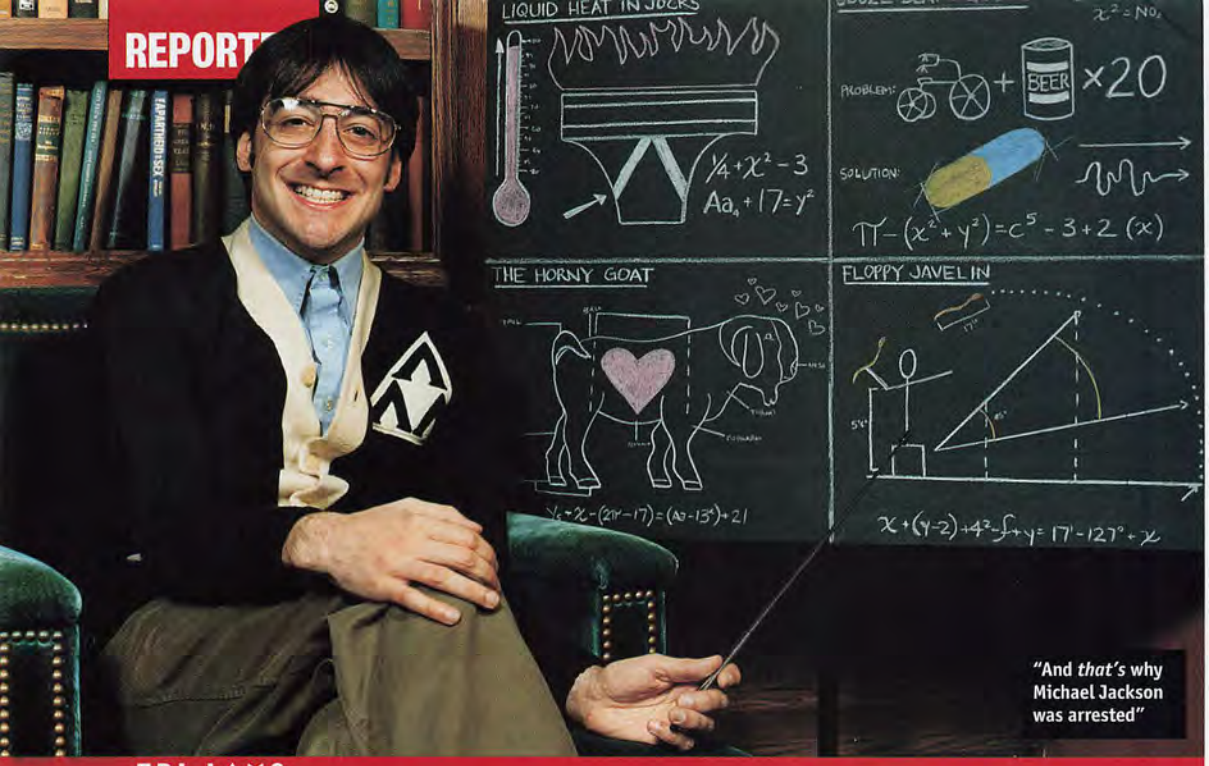

"And *that's* why Michael Jackson was arrested"

TRI-LAMS

ANALYSIS OF THE NERDS

With Wormser's help, *FHM* investigates the scientific claims of *Revenge of the Nerds*

As a teaching aid, *Revenge of the Nerds* taught us acceptance, stair-diving and science. "The Tri-Lams were the brightest minds at Adams College," boasts a now 31-year-old Andrew "Wormser" Cassese. "There's no way the science in the film wouldn't be spot on." *FHM* puts Wormser's boasts—and the film's outrageous claims—to the test.

WORMSER 1984

CAN A PILL BEAT BOOZE?

***Nerds* says** The Tri-Lams feed Takashi a concoction that stops the effects of alcohol.

Science says "RU-21 helps you metabolize the toxic byproducts of alcohol that cause hangovers," says Emil Chiaberi of Spirit Sciences. "But unfortunately it can't prevent alcohol's immediate effects. Some Asians are also deficient in ALDH2 enzymes and get bad hangovers."

NERDS **F**

ARE LADY-GOATS OVERLY HORNY?

***Nerds* says** Hottie Betty is aroused; her boyfriend, Stan, says she's "like a goat."

Science says "Female goats are only sexually receptive during their day of ovulation," explains Dr. Larry Katz, associate professor of animal sciences at Rutgers University. "Saying a woman is like a goat is an insult; I'd have said, 'Betty, you're like a goat in heat.'"

NERDS **F**

CAN LIQUID HEAT BE WITHSTOOD?

***Nerds* says** The nerds put liquid heat in the jocks' jocks. Ogre grunts through the pain.

Science says "The hottest analgesics have a red-pepper extract called capsaicin," says Miami Dolphins' assistant trainer Ben Westby. "When you sweat, it burns. But a tough guy could handle it—it's mind over matter. Pranks like that happen two or three times a year here."

NERDS **A+**

WILL A FLOPPY JAVELIN FLY?

***Nerds* says** Wormser's wobbly design works with Lamar's limp-wristed style.

Science says "The faster you throw a javelin, the farther it goes. You can't do that limp-wristed," insists Dr. Mont Hubbard, professor of aeronautics at UC Davis. "Also, a fifth of the velocity is in your run-up speed. Jocks are going to do that better than nerds." (PC)

NERDS **F**

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FAST FACT

When hooked up to an EEG, Jell-O registers movements identical to an adult's brain waves

SUDS

BABY SOAPS

Lady-yolks hit the showers

Good news for drunk fathers: A new line of hygiene products will have babies wiping up *your* vomit-encrusted chin for a change. Feto Soaps come in lavender, mango and unscented versions and depict a range of fetus styles.

"The 'Sweetest Fetus' has a bow on its head. It's the most popular, followed by the conjoined twins," explains Houston-based creator Lisa Chouinard. "It all started when I told a friend I'd make him a soap with something in it. He said, 'How about a fetus?' I said, 'Why not.'"

Often misunderstood, she says politics aren't behind the soaps. "I get hate mail saying it's disgusting. I think it's cute." (MC)

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IHOP's new pancake had a creamy center

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TOMORROW

KILLING MACHINE

By 2025, U.S. Army soldiers will be unstoppable

James Bond had Q to fashion his trademark gadgetry; our boys in green have the Soldier Systems Center in Natick, MA. The SSC is hard at work putting the finishing touches on Future Warrior 2025, an equipment package that will turn tomorrow's soldier into a robotic death harvester. "Even if the enemy sees a U.S. soldier," says the Army's Bruce Zielsdorf, "our man will have already neutralized him in seven different ways." Like a ninja.

Cobra Commander could totally take Serpentor

Weapons This boom-stick can launch four heat-seeking rockets as well as automatic 4.6mm rounds. The targeting system recognizes the enemy's firearms and uniforms to ensure that soldiers can fire only on the bad guys and not civilians.

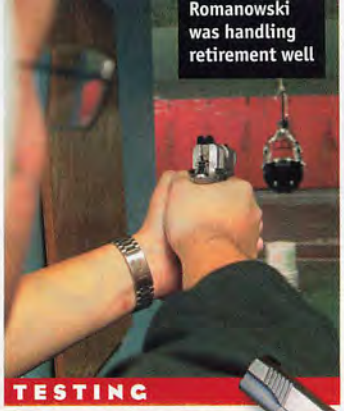
Helmet Think *Terminator*. The motorcycle-style helmet provides a 3-D display of the soldier's surroundings thanks to infrared and thermal capabilities. It also allows for video transmissions and satellite connection.

Body armor The carbon nanotube and ceramic-plate armor can withstand rifle fire at point-blank range. The SSC is working on chameleon armor technology that adjusts to light conditions to enable a soldier to blend into his surroundings.

Communications Built into the helmet, the communication system provides full contact between every soldier and with home base. No need to worry about giving away your position to the enemy—or CNN—either: The helmet is soundproof.

Power source Today's field batteries are bulky and provide only 48 hours of life in ideal conditions. New, integrated hybrid-fuel cells are lightweight and provide six days of continuous power to all parts of the Future Warrior 2025 system.

Exoskeleton Hydraulic lifts at the joints mean that soldiers will be able to load a 600-pound missile onto a helicopter without breaking a sweat. Not that the system's body-temperature-controlled cooling unit would permit that. (KA)



Romanowski was handling retirement well

TESTING

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Shootist Darren Leung and his .45 prove that tomorrow's soldier is more bulletproof than today's protective athletic gear

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After
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RIDDELL FOOTBALL HELMET

Before
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After
"Look at that, I placed four entry holes and there are four perfect exit holes. A bullet would have traversed your head."

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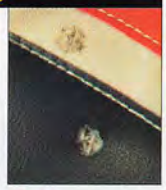

Before
The St. Louis Blues' Al MacInnis ripped 2003's fastest slap shot at 100 mph. If it hit Itech pads, it wouldn't have made a dent.

After
"The bullet has ripped through everything. See, there's no sporting equipment that can withstand a bullet." (JM)

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FROM THE BOSS'S DESK!

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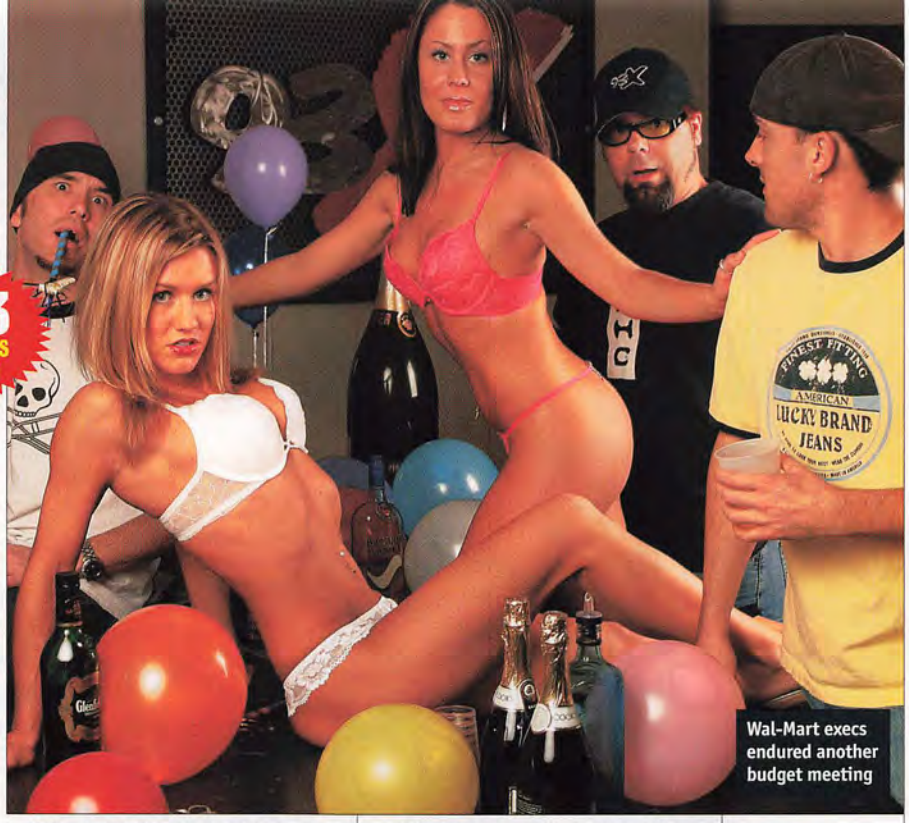
"We're cold, Mr. Rumsfeld"



Wal-Mart execs endured another budget meeting

If there's one thing Corporate America learned last year, it's that the nation's bigwigs can no longer leave their desks without sexy ladies writhing on them. That's what Minneapolis pair Yaisha (above in pink) and Jamie (in white) did in the October 2003 issue of *FHM* to their bosses, Josh, Nick and Weasel, from the city's 93.7 FM *Half-Assed Morning Show*. Last December, they were crowned champs of the 2003 "From the Boss's Desk" challenge.

"Our bosses weren't pissed at us for doing it," Yaisha says. "They just wished they were there." So the crew was especially proud when they got to share in the duo's prize: an *FHM*-sponsored office party.

"Our bosses were stunned when we all stripped down to lingerie halfway through the night," Yaisha says. "They totally liked it, though, and all the girls were very supportive of each other's boobs and butts. It was nice—Minnesota nice."

Jamie and Yaisha in their victorious October 2003 Boss's Desking

INITIATIVE

NEW YEAR, NEW DESKS

2004 BRING ON THE CHALLENGERS!

Ladies, keep maximizing your supervisor's time out of the office

More ladies straddled office furniture last year than ever before—and big gains are forecast for 2004.

So meet this month's "From the Boss's Desk" candidate, Amy Blank—she's the office manager at the Glendale,

CA-based, pay-per-view, punk-rock-video Web site Blank TV.

"My boss, Eddie, is insane," Amy says. "And he's never here, so it was easy to get down in his office."

During one of Eddie's absences, Amy invited her adult-industry-employed friend Angelica Sin into his office to enjoy a glass of wine. Then they hit his desk while her co-worker Steve took these snaps.

"Eddie will see the funny side of this," Amy says. "But he'll get me back some way. I just hope it's with a girl dancing on *my* desk."

THE TOP BRASS

Name Eddie Sunset
Company Blank TV
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Amy's appraisal "Eddie is always in some kind of trouble. Usually serious trouble."

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Multitasking required

"Here at the University of Denver, we test anything that explodes or is fired. I've detonated Patriot warheads, torpedo components, homemade, terrorist-style bombs and anti-tank warheads, among others. We also test protective shields and body armor. I blow things up for a living. I have an innate talent for it."

I have an innate talent for blowing things up

Inhouse testing

"We have indoor and outdoor testing facilities. In both cases I set up the experiment, then retreat to the timing-and-firing bunker to detonate it. I use a gauge to measure the pressure and a $50,000 camera to measure the speed of the blast. The tests don't always go perfectly, but you have little triumphs. Then, before you know it, you're screaming out, 'Who's your daddy!'"

Lateral thinking required

"One test involved firing gelatin-filled projectiles to simulate birds. You shoot them against aircraft canopies to make sure the plane is bird-resistant. You don't want a bird going into the pilot."

Occupational safety

"Two colleagues were working with a hazardous propellant and hadn't cleaned up. The residue ignited and the explosion sent the roof of the building soaring 50 feet. One of the pair was seriously burned and lost sight in one eye. The other one was tossed out of the building and died."

Feeling pressured

"You feel the shock wave after the explosion. It's like a gentle belly flop—you don't get the smack, but you feel that pressure in your chest. I've been doing this for 17 years and that thump still feels great."

No moonlighting

"I stopped using fireworks after 12 months on the job. The materials, particularly black powder, are among the most dangerous in the explosives industry." (GC)

ANALYSIS

"Tom Cruise? Really?"

LESBIAN CONFIDENTIAL

Real-life lady-lovers assess the truth in all-girl filth

Are "lesbian" porn stars the real deal? To find out, *FHM* screened all-girl flick *Where the Boys Aren't No. 15* for a group of lesbian comedians, including Deidre Sullivan (above far right), Julie Goldman (top right) and Michele Balan (bottom left). Then we asked, "Is this how you do it?"

Speedy sessions

Deidre There's not enough kissing or body-to-body contact. And they don't stick with one thing long enough.
Michele Lesbians can have sex for five hours. Why are they stopping?
Julie You stop when you come one too many times.
Michele Or when one of you has to go to work.

Razor fingernails

Deidre These women aren't real lesbians: Look at their nails! You can't relax when they're that long. I wouldn't let them near me.
Julie If a lesbian has long nails, you know she'll never give. I wouldn't ask her out.
Michele In the name of safe sex, they ought to get a nail file.

Strumming the pink banjo

Michele Is she trying to unclog a drain down there?
Deidre It gives men bad information to see women being drilled that quickly. She's way off target too. There's no way she's coming if she keeps that up.
Julie And why is she slapping her *poisse*? If a woman slapped me there, I'd slap her back.

Surrogate tools

Julie We haven't seen anyone strap a cock to their thigh yet. That happens a lot. When you strap on a dildo to your hips, it goes all over the place. It's easier to control when you put it on your thigh, and you also have her thigh rubbing up against you. Even without a strap-on, thigh-riding is hot.

The fighting scissors

Michele You're more likely to go for this kind of friction on top of each other instead of facing off.
Deidre The scissors hurts your triceps. Lesbians don't do this regularly.
Julie You might be touching *badangas*, but you're so far away. Who has a bed big enough for that? (KA)

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FHM HOMETOWN HONEYS

Fallen Iowa State basketball coach Larry Eustachy shouldn't have been forced out in May 2003 for partying with co-eds like Autumn Wilmert. It's what's done in Ames, IA. "Ames is all about bars and sports," says the 21-year-old student. Sadly, visitors won't see the coach combing the bars—"He'd party out of town, in places he didn't have to worry about acting stupid," Autumn says—but Eustachy would no doubt enjoy Autumn's picks for Ames's hottest parties.

Cy's Roost Bar
"When we play Iowa, everyone's at this bar at seven in the morning drinking tornado shots. The next day, everyone's like, 'You were doing this and this,' and you're like, 'Oh, I don't remember!'"

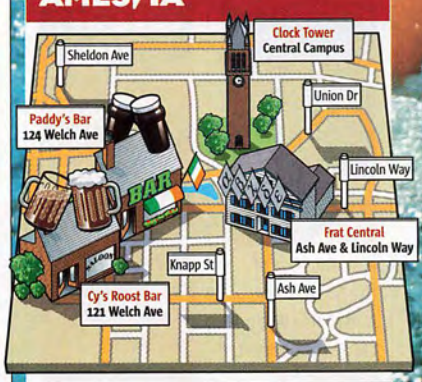
Frat party central
"There are a lot of frat houses near the corner of Lincoln Way and Ash Avenue. When school starts up, it's like Cancún. Last time, three girls stripped onstage."

Stanton Memorial Clock Tower
"During homecoming, everybody goes to the university clock tower at midnight and makes out when the bells ring. If you're single, just grab some random person."

Paddy's Bar
"I work there as a cocktail waitress. One night we had a water fight. Our T-shirts were soaked but the guys loved it." (IA)

See Hometown Honeys at FHMUS.com

AMES, IA



Ladies! Do you want to share your 'hood with the world? Send a letter (with snapshots) to Hometown Honey, *FHM*, 110 Fifth Ave., New York, NY 10011.

SUBSTITUTION

BATHROOM MACGYVER

Empty grooming cabinet? What would Richard Dean Anderson do?

She can't defuse a bomb with a banana, but University of Miami dermatologist Dr. Heather Woolery-Lloyd can work wonders with household products

Aftershave
Vodka
Quality vodkas are low on scent, but they can act as an anti-bacterial agent in the healing of small cuts.
***FHM* says** "Refreshing, cooling on the skin and it hardly stings."

Toothpaste
Baking soda
Fluoride fights decay, but baking soda won't. "As a mild abrasive, baking soda is effective at cleaning the surface of teeth and dislodging errant food," Dr. Woolery-Lloyd notes. "You can also use it to scrub the tub."
***FHM* says** "It tastes like salty sugar and doesn't help hide bad breath."

Shaving cream
Natural yogurt
The sugars in whipped cream may cause irritation, while yogurt softens the hairs and soothes the face.
***FHM* says** "It's way too runny."

Band-Aids
Krazy Glue
"Doctors use a kind of Krazy Glue on kids in lieu of stitches, but the regular stuff is safe for small cuts."
***FHM* says** "Beats Band-Aids."

Conditioner
Mayonnaise
The oily goodness rejuvenates dry hair. "But sit in the sun and you'll smell foul," Dr. Woolery-Lloyd says.
***FHM* says** "Stinky, but silky."

Deodorant
Cornstarch
Feminine deodorants use the natural absorbency of cornstarch instead of aluminum compounds to keep ladies' thatches fresh. Ask Mom, it works. "Cornstarch won't stop sweat," Dr. Woolery-Lloyd says. "But it decreases moisture under your arms."
***FHM* says** "Messy, but temporarily effective."

Shampoo
Beer
"The protein in beer coats hair cuticles and gives it shine," Dr. Woolery-Lloyd notes. Pour your beer into a bucket and try to make as much foam as possible. Now use the suds like you would shampoo. It doesn't actually clean the hair, but it makes it *look* like it has.
***FHM* says** "Natty Light fails to generate sufficient foam." **(SB)**

BURNING QUESTIONS

Why are barns painted red?
Ryan Polose, Sandpoint, ID
Like wise travelers to Thailand, 19th-century New England farmers thought it best to protect their wood. Painting was their answer. Early mixtures contained iron oxide—straight rust—which helped produce a paint that

was stronger and less likely to fade in the elements. Adding the iron oxide turned the paint its characteristic, tourist-attracting red.

Why do cowboys need their own type of boot?
Brad Krilup, Smithfield, RI
Cowboy boots have three essential characteristics: pointed toes, high heels and a wide, unlaced top. The toe allows cowboys to slip their feet into stirrups, the heel helps provide a firm hold on the stirrup and the wide top makes it easier for cowboys to escape a crunching if they get stuck. None of which excuses SUV-corralling Texans for wearing them.

Why do radio and TV stations begin with W or K?
Wes Cirsi, Morgantown, WV
In 1912, each country was assigned letters for their stations. The U.S. was given W and K. Stations could choose their own call signs until 1923, when the Federal Radio Commission stipulated that new

stations east of the Mississippi had to use W, and those to the west had to use K. When TV came about, the same rules applied. **(MC)**

CURE MY STUPIDITY

Don't hate the question that's turning your brain to cheese. Send it to **Burning Questions, *FHM*, 110 Fifth Ave., New York, NY 10011. If your question sees print, you'll make a quick $50.**

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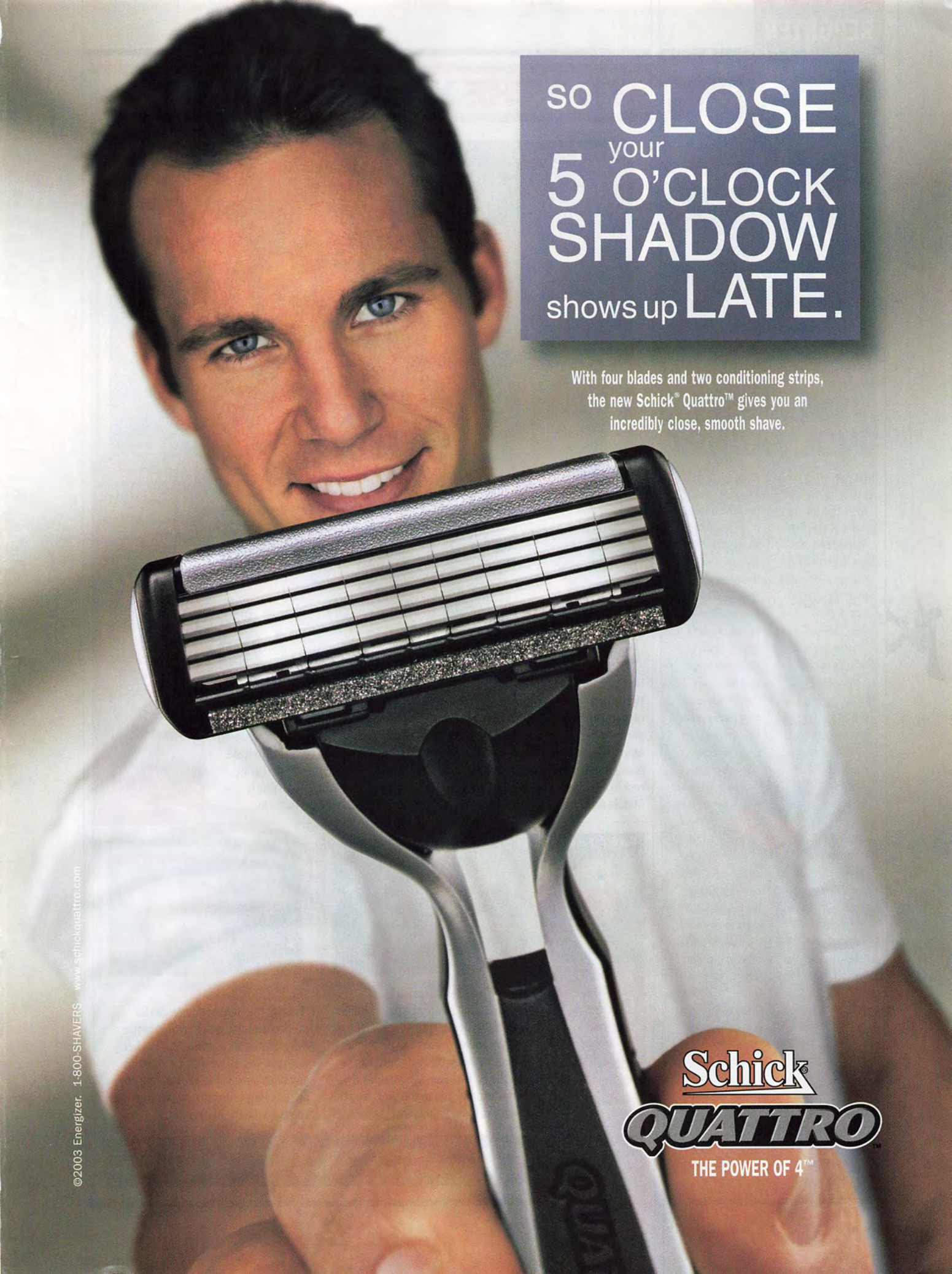
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"Robin, quick! Grab hold of this!"

GETAWAYS

'HOLY ESCAPE PACK, BATMAN!'

Winch-vest helps the terrified flee

A fire rips through a house in which Stuart Scott and Joe Theismann are sleeping. Who dies first? Who cares! But what if it were your child? Or two strippers with four new breasts?

Winning the battle against fire is LifeCender. It's a safety vest with a built-in winch that allows wearers to rappel from burning bedrooms to safety—kind of like Robin escaping another homoerotic advance from Batman. "We have a model that gets you from the third floor to the ground and one that gets you down from the seventh floor," says Merrick, NY, innovator Patrick O'Kane. "We're working on a unit for children and one for pets."

Users strap themselves into the vest, anchor it to something sturdy, climb out a window and winch themselves down. The speed of descent depends on the person's weight; 350-pounders travel 12 feet per second.

But those planning on using the unit to check out the athletic sex of the couple downstairs best think again. "If you use it in the case of fire—and you have a police or fire department report to substantiate that—we'll replace the unit free of charge," O'Kane says. "But if you were using it to clean windows, do home repairs or something else, we'll charge $49.95 to wind the winch back up." (SB)

From $160; www.lifecender.com

WHO THE HELL ARE YOU?

Ass incoming!
"I wanted something to remember my birthday by," writes Marisol Garcia, third from the left, of Lake Mary, FL. "And that's what I got thanks to this enormous ass. Who the hell are you, Crack Bandit?" Look on the bright side: You celebrated your birthday under a full moon. Some might call that romantic.

Danger: Devil horns!
Here's more evidence that the power of metal lurks at every turn. "We were partying here in Boston," writes Sandy Matthews, center. "We went to see some bands, but we got some unwanted rock in our photo. Who the hell are you, Middle-Aged Devil-Horns Thrower?"

Rumsfeld stalker alert!
"I met Donald Rumsfeld in Iraq," writes Fort Lauderdale, FL, Specialist Andrew Lucas. "But what's with the guy wedging his head between us? Who the hell are you, Deer in Headlights?" Spc. Lucas, turn around next time: His name is clearly stitched onto his uniform.

FAST FACT

The only real people ever to be depicted as Pez dispensers have been Betsy Ross, Daniel Boone and Paul Revere

Mom unleashes surprise!
"My buddy and I were at a Jimmy Buffet concert," writes Detroit's Chris Yheulon, left. "We were in front of an inflatable beer bottle when this lady butted in. Who the hell are you, Ms. Midlife Crisis?" Chris, she drove you to the show, and this is how you repay your mom?

Zombie approaching!
"I was at the Hard Rock in Vegas for my bachelorette party," writes hottie Kelly Homan of Lakeside, CA. "The bar was crowded, so we didn't notice this guy sleepwalking his way through our picture. Hey, Drunken Acne-scarred Zombie, who the hell are you?"

Has an intruder ruined your Kodak moment? Send it to *FHM*, and a fellow reader might be able to identify the goon. Then check out the photo sinners at FHMUS.com

CHRISTINE REILLY (3)

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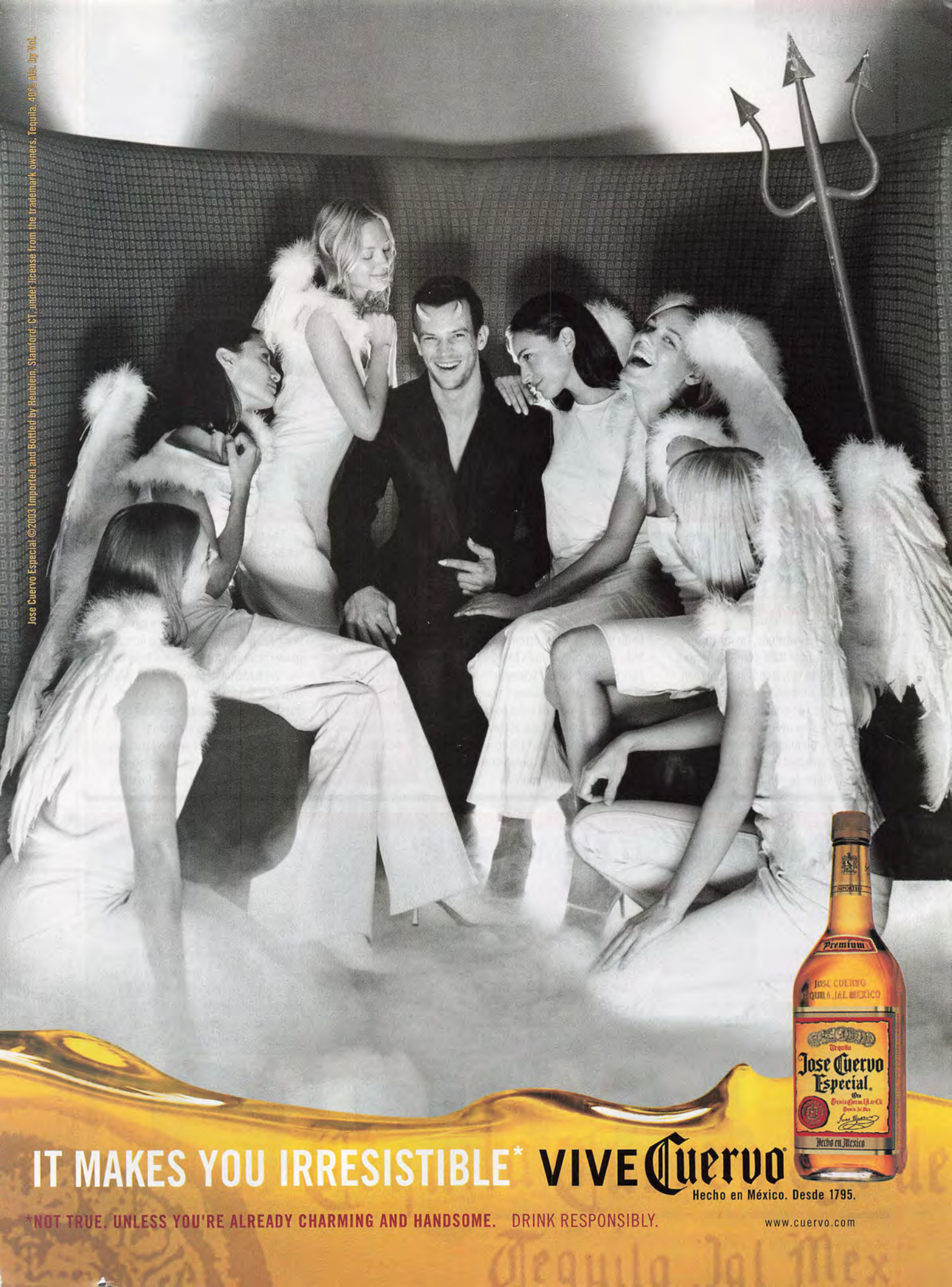
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IT'S PIGZILLA!

Behold the only creature on earth that packs more ham than Vida Guerra

Meet Attitude. He measures more than 9 feet from snout to tail, stands at more than 4 feet tall and weighs an estimated 1,600 pounds—that's four times as heavy as the average chop-on-legs.

"We're planning on having him officially weighed in the future, but we're going to have to hang him off a crane to do that," explains Attitude's owner, Mike Taylor, of England's Mistley Place Park Rescue Centre. "Scientific estimates place him at three-quarters of a ton. It would take a football team to move him!" That's why no one bothers. Instead, the 10-year-old swine is left to wallow in his own private field, complete with a mud-filled swimming pool.

FAST FACT

A pig weighing three-quarters of a ton yields 4,500 servings of bacon

Taylor is adamant that Attitude will not be eaten, preferring to taunt onlookers by continuing to fatten up his champion beast with an impressive diet that includes whole loaves of bread and stacks of cakes. The sadder news, however, is we won't be seeing Attitude's spawn straining the earth any time soon.

"We had him neutered as soon as he arrived," Taylor says. Which begs the question: Were Attitude's testicles big enough to be used as makeshift basketballs? "No, they weren't that big. And anyway, we had them cremated after he had the chop." It's science's loss. **(GB)**

SOUVENIRS

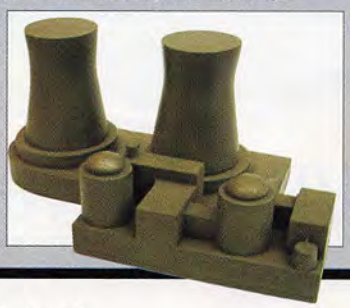
'SORRY, WE'RE OUT OF NAGASAKIS'

Trinkets commemorate instances of gross human suffering

In case you've missed the past 40 years of global tragedy, New York City artist Constantin Boym's Buildings of Disaster collection is a 13-piece set of miniatures depicting places where very bad things have happened.

$95 each
www.boym.com

Three Mile Island
While Boym's Chernobyl model has sold out, this American nuke-disaster piece is a slow seller. "It's like with 9/11, the World Trade Center pieces all went, but we still have lots of little Pentagons," Boym says.



Oklahoma City Federal Building
"It was a nondescript building that became a tourist attraction," Boym notes. "But I'm not trying to exploit the building. My work is creative and critical—I haven't had any death threats."

Texas School Book Depository
Sadly, Boym has no intention of hanging a rifle-toting Lee Harvey Oswald out a window. "People are too tiny and the scale wouldn't look right," he says. "Besides, I'm not really a sculptor." **(TC)**

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EXPERT ADVICE

ASK JENNA & ISAAC

She's an award-winning actress. He's matchmaker of the high seas. Together, they'll fix your dismal life

Q Women complain that men do nothing but sit on the sofa, eat cheese and watch football. That's my girlfriend. How can I get the whale away from the TV and back in the water?
She's Beached Herself, Yonkers, NY

A Jenna Call SeaWorld and tell them one got away. Seriously, snide comments and insinuations won't help here; they'll make her park her ass and turn into a small sumo wrestler just to spite you. You need to find out what she likes and do it with her. Get some bikes and go for a ride or have nasty sex—anything to get that big, old ass off the couch.
Isaac Take her to a football game. It will get her out of her funk and, as a bonus, she'll want to hump you if her team wins. A sports-loving woman is a woman obsessed. If you try to cure them, they just become closeted. They'll be doing sports shit when you're not looking. You'll find baseball cards in the pantry. Filled-out score sheets hidden in the bathroom. But let's be clear: You want her going to sports, not playing them. If she gets into softball, she'll start preferring girls.

Q My girlfriend made out with a guy when she was wasted. She's remorseful; I call bullshit. What should I do?
Cuckold, San Diego, CA

A Jenna Check the panties she wore that night to see if there's any moisture. You already did? Gross! Listen, everyone makes mistakes—at least she was upfront and told you. Besides, she only kissed the guy. It's not like she blew everyone at the party.
Isaac Saying you cheated because you were drunk is bullshit. It's an excuse I've used many times myself, so I know it's bullshit. The question is how to use it to your advantage. If she loves you, she'll cook you dinner, bring you breakfast in bed and blow you when she has a headache. You have that free pass for 30 days.

Q My girl's donkey laugh is horrible. How can I make it stop?
Chuckling Resistor, Jacksonville, FL

A Jenna Sorry, dude, that's one thing you can't change. Either get used to it or don't ever let her laugh again. Don't be mean to her about it. If you do, she'll develop a complex. A person's laugh is the luck of the draw, and it looks like you got the ass.
Isaac If she's snorting like a pig, that's her adenoid glands. They're the snoring glands. Have those removed. If it's a different laugh, dump her. She's probably a big eater too. Those girls order the most expensive things on the menu. You'll be like, "Baby, did you need shrimp *and* lobster?" And she'll say, "Oh, you're so cute! Snort. Snort." Get out before you're stuck with that.

Jenna answers more readers' questions on page 64.

ARE YOU DIDDLED BY LOVE?

If a relationship problem is poisoning your already-wretched personal life, seek advice from the experts at **Ask Jenna & Isaac, *FHM*, 110 Fifth Ave., New York, NY 10011.**

POLL

100 WOMEN CAN'T BE WRONG

She laughs all the way through a rerun of *Friends*. Then she cries about being fat. *FHM* asked 100 women about what tickles their funny bones

100 - 81	99%	Own up to being ticklish
	93%	Have been the unwitting victim of a practical joke
	88%	Think Jimmy Fallon is hot
	84%	Herd their spineless men into seeing sappy romantic comedies
	83%	Think of themselves as being funny
80 - 61	80%	Have laughed during sex
	76%	Admit to finding farts funny
	68%	Make fun of their man behind his back
	64%	Have yet to get a single laugh from the current *Saturday Night Live* flock
	63%	Realize that nerds think about sex more than jocks do
	62%	Have feigned laughter at their man's bad jokes simply to make him feel better
60 - 41	60%	Have peed their pants laughing
	55%	Consider *Billy Madison* Adam Sandler's greatest work to date
	52%	Watch porn for a good laugh, not for a good time
	45%	Instinctively laugh at other people's misfortunes
	41%	Dumped a guy due, in part, to his embarrassingly bad laugh
40 - 21	37%	Have encountered a laughably small penis
	36%	Think blondes are dumb
	29%	Have laughed openly at a man's sexual fantasy
	24%	Would sleep with Carrot Top for $10,000
	22%	Have slept with a man they found physically unattractive but very funny
	21%	Have had a first date ruined by a guy who told a bad joke
20 - 0	19%	Admit that a guy's looks are more important than his sense of humor
	13%	Own a whoopee cushion
	11%	Insist that Rodney Dangerfield is an underappreciated comedic genius
	7%	Admit that it's amusing when guys quote funny film lines to them for hours on end
	4%	Claim that rich men are funnier than the rest of us
	1%	Fantasize about clowns

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HEY! EDGAR RULLODA . . .

IT'S YOUR EX-GIRLFRIEND!

Her former man had all the spunk of a Boca Raton retiree—now Diana's pining for action

I'd be like, 'Let's have sex,' and Edgar would be like, 'Why do we have to do it every day?'" recalls 22-year-old San Diego babe Diana Sang. "Thing is, I want it every day. Don't most guys?" Yes. Now Diana's single and on the hunt for a man who will stoke her fire. Here are some pointers for those trying their luck.

Keep your crotch logo-free

"Edgar works at Geico, and he wears these boxers emblazoned with the company's green lizard. And every Christmas, his mom would send him homemade shorts. She'd always make the pee flap small."

Get to know Mr. Clean

"One time, Edgar threw a party and some girl puked in the sink. When I told him to clean it up, he said, 'Just leave it. Someone else will do it.' My kind of guy doesn't let vomit sit in the sink all night."

Ditch the schmaltz

"Edgar spent $200 on candles one Valentine's Day. I don't need $200 worth of candles. I had him take them back. Then he got me a pink Adidas gym suit. I was like, 'Oh, that's sweet.' But my guy should know I don't wear that kind of stuff."

Copy your contemporaries

"Kirk Hammett from Metallica has 'Made in SF' and his date of birth tattooed across his gut. So Edgar copied him, except he had 'Made in San Diego' done. He's totally stuck in the '90s." (JA)

See more It's Your girls at FHMUS.com

THE EX-BOYFRIEND

Name: Edgar Rulloda
Age: 28
Nickname: Freak Toe
Don't mention: "He has disproportionately huge toes."

Ladies! Do you have a man or an ex, a dad, a brother or perhaps a sommelier you'd like to shame? Send a letter (and some snaps) to It's Your, *FHM*, 110 Fifth Ave., New York, NY 10011.

Edgar spent $200 on candles. I don't need $200 worth of candles

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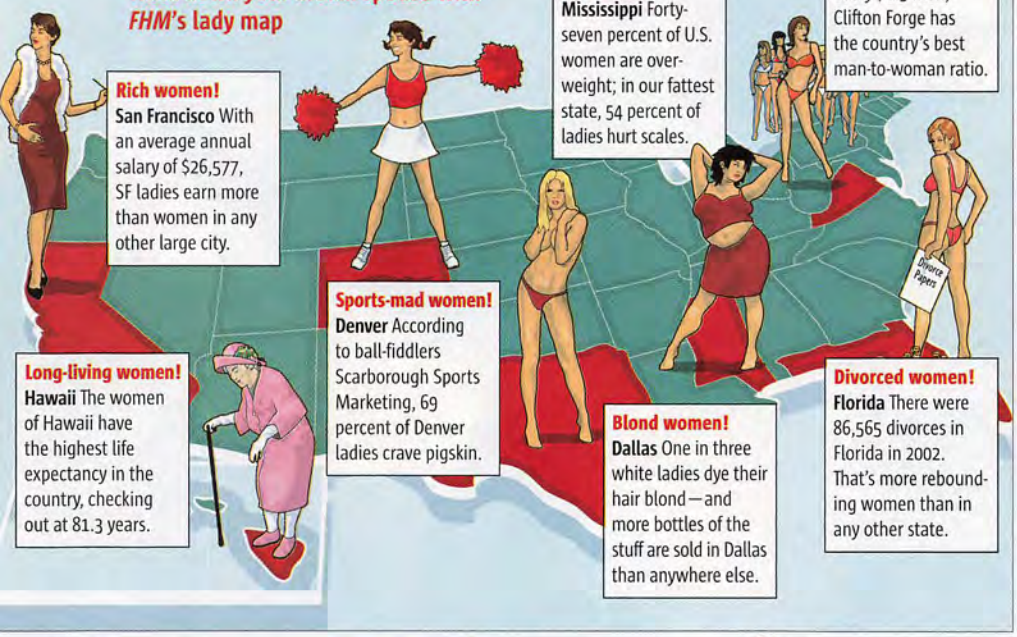
WORLD OF MARRIAGE

A probe into the covenant that ensures you never sleep with another woman

OPTIONS

DESTINATION: WIFE

Track down your dream spouse with *FHM*'s lady map



Rich women! **San Francisco** With an average annual salary of $26,577, SF ladies earn more than women in any other large city.

Fat women! **Mississippi** Forty-seven percent of U.S. women are overweight; in our fattest state, 54 percent of ladies hurt scales.

Available women! **Clifton Forge, VA** With 100 ladies for every 78.9 men, Clifton Forge has the country's best man-to-woman ratio.

Sports-mad women! **Denver** According to ball-fiddlers Scarborough Sports Marketing, 69 percent of Denver ladies crave pigskin.

Long-living women! **Hawaii** The women of Hawaii have the highest life expectancy in the country, checking out at 81.3 years.

Blond women! **Dallas** One in three white ladies dye their hair blond—and more bottles of the stuff are sold in Dallas than anywhere else.

Divorced women! **Florida** There were 86,565 divorces in Florida in 2002. That's more rebounding women than in any other state.

WHEN BRIDES ATTACK! Some women celebrate the biggest day of their lives by losing their minds and going to the slammer

Bride chomps cops

South Windsor, CT, August 2003 When the bar closed at her reception, Adrienne Samen (above) went berserk. After the cops arrived, she bit an officer.

Woman wields icing

Stuart, FL, March 2001 Five hours after her wedding, Kathryn Patrick discovered dirty ashtrays in her home. So she assaulted her hubby with wedding cake.

Wife shows devotion

Cleveland, July 2003 Police arrested Angela Revay's groom after a near-riot at her reception. Not wanting to spend her wedding alone, the bride punched a cop.

HOW TO HAVE A HASSLE-FREE WEDDING

Celebrity wedding planner Colin Cowie has designed nuptials for Jerry Seinfeld and Hugh Hefner. Here are his golden rules:

- **Pick your battles** Your bride-to-be is vulnerable. "Only argue about things that are important to you."
- **Forget formality** "Your wedding doesn't have to be black-tie. Making it fun and personalizing it are more important."
- **Leave town** "Instead of having a big wedding in your hometown with 400 people you don't care about, celebrate with 50 friends and family far, far away."
- **Make it snappy** "If the proceedings are drawn out, everyone at your wedding will feel tired, bored and drunk."

Siegfried and Roy renewed their vows

SHE'S PREGNANT? MARRY HER NOW!

Wifed-up? Your single pals should be jealous of you

Married men have more sex Forty percent of married men get some twice a week; 25 percent of single dudes get as much.

Married men commit less suicide Single men are twice as likely to commit suicide as married men.

Married men make more money The ball-and-chained earn 11 percent more than bachelors.

Married men live longer An additional four years of colostomy bag use await married men in their old age.

'A BENJAMIN ON DIVORCE!'

Fifty percent of marriages fail. That means that for every man succeeding in life, there are many more who've lost in love

FOR EVERY PERSON . . .	DIVORCES
Who's slept with 10 or more people	3
Who banks a six-figure salary	8.5
Who's earned an Ivy League degree	25
Who's had a relationship with a model	5,000
Who becomes a professional athlete	10,000
Who catches a MLB foul ball in their lifetime	50,000

RINGS EXPLAINED

Jeweler babbling? Diamond expert Sally Morrison explains how to talk ring

- **Cut** It makes diamonds shine. "Each diamond should have 57 or 58 facets to maximize the amount of light reflected."
- **Color** All diamonds have traces of color. The less color, the better the grade. "You should be able to see through it."
- **Clarity** Surface imperfections and the quality of the interior. "All stones have imperfections, but the fewer the better."
- **Carat** The measure of a diamond's weight, and therefore its size.
- **Setting** "The prongs should grasp the stone firmly without covering it up."

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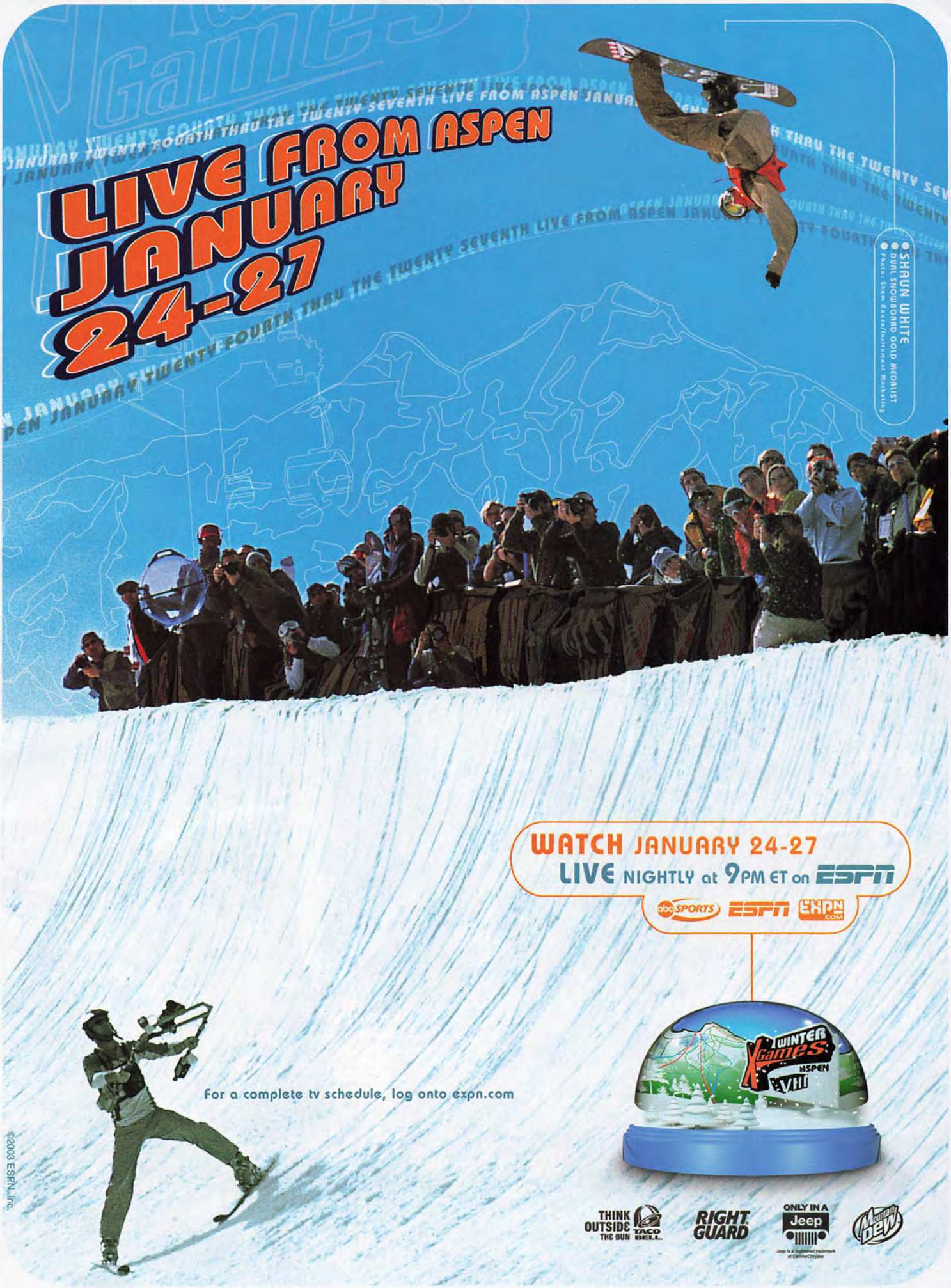
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THE MONTH'S HOTTEST RELEASES

>Movies For more, see page 46

SAVAGE RETURNS!

The Wonder Years star reemerges and reveals where he's been hiding

You showed up in *Goldmember*, but besides that, can you tell the kids what you've been doing lately?
I've been directing shows like *That's So Raven* and *Even Stevens* for The Disney Channel and Nickelodeon. It's a great place to cut your teeth. People think I'm good with kids, because of my background as a child actor. I also did a few episodes of *Oliver Beene* for Fox. It's the start of a very promising directing career, I assure you.

After *Goldmember*, did you get to keep your mole?
Yeah. I think it's in a box somewhere.
Did you keep anything from your new film, *Welcome to Mooseport*?
I always save my scripts. Before *Austin Powers*, I thought it would be a great memento to have everyone sign it. Then I asked Beyoncé to sign and she said, "God, that's great. What charity are you doing this for?" And I'm like, "Um, it's kind of just for me." She was like, "Wow. How nice." So I don't do that anymore.
***Mooseport* stars Gene Hackman and Ray Romano. Who's a bigger *Wonder Years* fan?**
I think Romano had watched it. Hackman knew stuff about me, which I couldn't believe. We were talking about lenses and the cameras, and he said, "Well, you've been doing some directing, haven't you?" I don't know how he knew. I think he has a secret spy group. But I was never like, "So, Gene, what's your favorite episode?"
Your brother, Ben, was the star of *Boy Meets World*. It's time for you to decide once and for all: Who was dreamier—Topanga or Winnie Cooper?
Winnie. She was the classic dream girl. Topanga was a little hot for my taste. **(AW)**

Welcome to Mooseport *opens February 6.*

>Music For more, see page 43

Mike Patton unveils his iron stomach

There's nothing the ex-Faith No More and present-day Fantômas singer won't eat . . .

Mike's brave "I like risk-eating. I've had cockroaches in Mexico, horse in Italy, snake-blood cocktail in Taiwan. I'll try anything."
Mike eats balls "Of all the mountain oysters I've had, Hong Kong wolf testicles are the most tender."
Mike values friends "I don't go risk-eating with just anyone. When I find someone who shares my passion, it's beautiful."

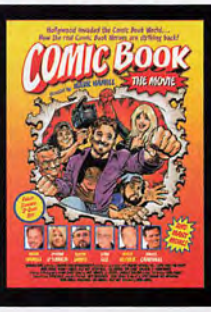
Mike loves *The Iron Chef* "Morimoto is the best. He takes chances and reinvents things. He has real balls."
Mike wants to eat you "I'd try human. I'd marinate the flesh in citrus juices, ceviche-style, as an appetizer." **(SB)**

Fantômas's* Delirium Cordia *is out January 27.

>DVD For more, see page 49

Mark "Luke Skywalker" Hamill goes direct to video

We saw you filming your mockumentary, *Comic Book: The Movie*, at the San Diego ComiCon. You were sweating like a pig.
You know, I get that a lot: How sweaty I am. It's just my body chemistry. I was running around like a maniac trying to film everything. We cobbled this down from over 100 hours of footage. **(JM)**



Comic Book: The Movie *is out January 27.*

>Games For more, see page 50

PlayStation will own your living room

Hock all of your high-end home-theater equipment and start saving for the PSX. Besides playing PS2 games, this deluxe PlayStation, which will be available later in the year, has a built-in satellite tuner, DVD recording capabilities and a hard drive for TiVoing. Of course, the PSX is also Dumpster-bound once the PS3 sees the light of day in '05 or '06. **(TC)**

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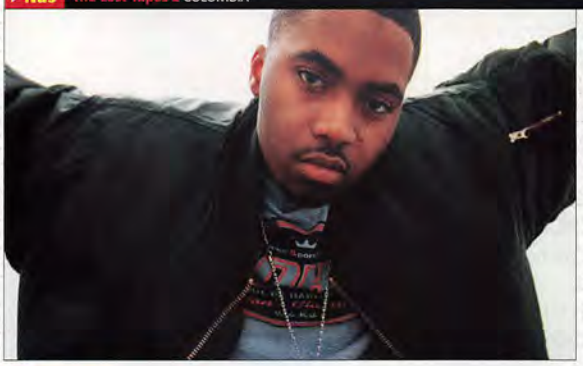
The lowdown on the month's releases faster than Meatloaf nabs the last slice

> Nas The Lost Tapes 2 COLUMBIA



Queens's finest follows up 2002's *The Lost Tapes* with another compilation of unreleased, remixed and freestyle material from his 10-year career. Rappers take note: Use Tupac's release strategy while you're still alive, and you too can drink the profits yourself.

> Starsailor Silence Is Easy CAPITOL

Coldplay-esque, melodic British worry-rock for men in their 30s to play when they wake up on Sunday morning and ask, "Why me, God?" The title track was produced by Phil "I Can't Believe My Last Production Job Was Starsailor" Spector.

> The Cure Join the Dots FICTION/ELEKTRA

Four-disc set featuring 70 tracks of non-album B-sides and other hard-to-find whining. The price? $55—but that's chump change to the rich girl-mopers who constitute the band's fan base.

> Kylie Minogue Body Language CAPITOL

This songbird keeps getting better with age. So why are her sexy vocals obscured by synthesizers on this, her ninth album? Still, play the first single, "Slow," while preparing a salad to impress visiting women.

> Stereolab Margerine Eclipse ELEKTRA

Fans of the band's ethereal nonsense will enjoy more nuggets filled with loungey keyboards and cool French vocals. Others will scratch their heads and wonder when the new Smashmouth album is out.

> The Special Goodness Land, Air, Sea EPITAPH

Weezer's Pat Wilson does a Dave Grohl and steps out from behind the skins to play guitar and sing a dozen rocking, solid tunes. The nationwide re-release of the band's first independent album is remixed and features bonus video material.

> JC Chasez Schizophrenic JIVE

The title of this 'N Syncer's solo debut came after he kept hearing Lance Bass's voice asking to borrow money for a bus ticket home. The remix of the first single, "Some Girls (Dance With Women)," features the vocal skills of Dirt McGirt, née ODB.

> Fantômas Delirium Cordia IPECAC RECORDINGS

This month's Yes award for music's most self-serving contribution goes to ex-Faith No More singer Mike Patton and his pals from Slayer and the Melvins. The supergroup's third album features just one hourlong track of off-kilter rock.

> Aerosmith Honkin' on Bobo COLUMBIA

FHM Why is the new album packed with covers of old blues tunes?
Steven Tyler "Aerosmith never left the blues out of the songs. It's just fucking great stuff. It rocks your soul." Which is nourishing.

> Phantom Planet Phantom Planet EPIC

Why won't Ryan from *The O.C.* let the world love him? But more importantly, why is that theme song, "California," from Phantom Planet's debut, so catchy? The band's sophomore effort is edgier.

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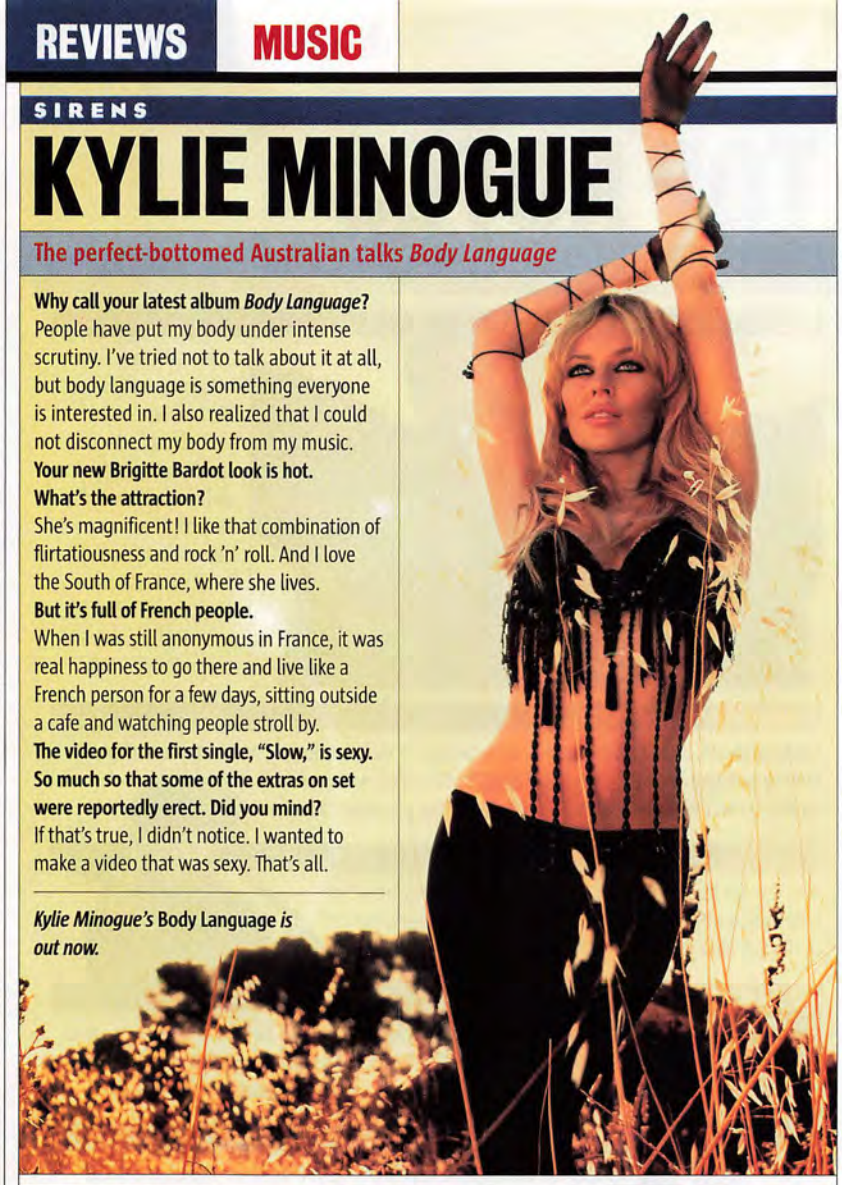
KYLIE MINOGUE

The perfect-bottomed Australian talks *Body Language*

Why call your latest album *Body Language*?
People have put my body under intense scrutiny. I've tried not to talk about it at all, but body language is something everyone is interested in. I also realized that I could not disconnect my body from my music.
Your new Brigitte Bardot look is hot. What's the attraction?
She's magnificent! I like that combination of flirtatiousness and rock 'n' roll. And I love the South of France, where she lives.
But it's full of French people.
When I was still anonymous in France, it was real happiness to go there and live like a French person for a few days, sitting outside a cafe and watching people stroll by.
The video for the first single, "Slow," is sexy. So much so that some of the extras on set were reportedly erect. Did you mind?
If that's true, I didn't notice. I wanted to make a video that was sexy. That's all.

Kylie Minogue's Body Language *is out now.*



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Why come up with your own album cover when you can plunder the past?

KISS *Destroyer*
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Grand Funk Railroad *Grand Funk*
Hear that guitar wail.

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The Feelies *Crazy Rhythms* Proto nerd-rock on a budget.

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HOCKEY

MIRACLE

Brave young Americans kick Commie ass. Again

As if inspiring millions of American men and a youth-defining bubble hockey game wasn't enough, the 1980's Olympic Miracle on Ice has spawned something even more heaven-shaking: a Kurt Russell movie. Watch a less talented, yet plucky U.S. hockey team defeat their brutal Russian opponents. It's like *Rocky IV* with skates. And, sadly, no Dolph Lundgren.

Get this *Miracle* was filmed in Vancouver, where Russell had previously moved to support his own son's dreams of becoming a professional hockey player. Russell even learned how to skate from his son's coach.

COMING THIS MONTH . . .

> Butterfly Effect NEW LINE

Ashton Kutcher, Amy Smart, Eric Stoltz

What if you could go back in time? Would you save the girl you loved as a child? Would you steal a TV show from Jamie Kennedy? Would you bone Demi Moore? Would you at least shave that goatee? **Get this** Kutcher started going by his middle name, Ashton, when he became a model. His first name is Chris.

> Barbershop 2 MGM

Ice Cube, Cedric the Entertainer, Queen Latifah

The barbers deal with the arrival of a haircutting chain and make all the white dudes in the audience jealous that they don't have sassier barbers at SuperCuts. **Get this** Latifah's beauty-salon-owning character, Gina, was included so she could be spun off into another film, which has already been written.

> The Big Bounce WB

Owen Wilson, Morgan Freeman, Sara Foster

The real mystery in this heist flick is why the main character is named Jack Ryan. Did the screenwriter never see *Clear and Present Danger*? Or *The Sum of all Fears*? Or *Patriot Games*? Understandable. **Get this** The film is based on Elmore Leonard's first crime novel, which was initially rejected by 84 publishers.

> Torque WB

Ice Cube, Martin Henderson, Monet Mazur

This is a motorcycle-gang movie, yet there are no fat dudes with ZZ Top beards and T-shirts that say things on the back like, "If you can read this, the bitch fell off." When did cinema become so unrealistic? **Get this** To give the movie street cred, producers asked Jesse James to provide bikes for filming and gave him a cameo.

> Win a Date With Tad Hamilton D'WORKS

Kate Bosworth, Josh Duhamel, Topher Grace

A grocery clerk wins a date with a movie star, but the clerk is Kate Bosworth and the star is some dude from *All My Children*. So really it's more like *Win a Film Role With Someone Vastly More Famous Than You*. **Get this** Director Robert Luketic first got noticed for a short musical he made about a woman with a mustache.

> Welcome to Mooseport FOX

Gene Hackman, Ray Romano, Fred Savage

After retiring from the White House, a former president runs for mayor of a small town. It is a bit of a step down since the position offers no trillion-dollar budget, no power over the world's strongest army and no interns to diddle with cigars. **Get this** Filming took place in Toronto—one week after the SARS outbreak hit.

FAST FACT

Cary Grant's real name was Archibald Leach

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COIFS

CEDRIC'S SALON

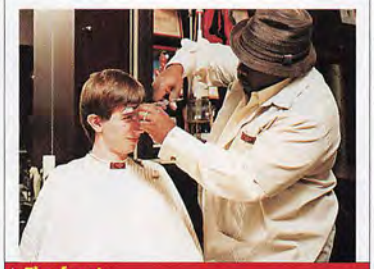
He plays a barber on film, so *FHM* handed Cedric the Entertainer some scissors

FHM I'd like a little off the back, a gentle part in the front and a little feathering on the sides.

CTE Right, I'm going to give you a rat-tail.

FHM Um, did you get any training for *Barbershop* or *Barbershop 2*?

CTE We all went to a barber's school in South Central. But my character never cuts hair, so I didn't pay much attention. That's going to work out just fine for you.



> The front

FHM How many of your *Barbershop* rants did you come up with?

CTE They had a lot written, but most of the ones that made it into the film were mine. Once I got into the character, I could talk about any subject.

FHM Let's test it: Do something on the upcoming election.

CTE [*Makes voice lower and hoarser*] They got Al Sharpton running for president. You can't be president of the United States and have a damn perm! What if a crisis comes? He ain't even at the White House. He's down at Chantay's House of Hair and Nails under the damn dryer. [*Resumes normal voice*] Oh wow. You look like Paul McCartney.

> The sides

FHM On the Kings of Comedy tour, who was the fussiest about his hair?

CTE Steve Harvey. You need a protractor to cut that hair. Steve's barber would come with him as part of the entourage.

FHM Do you get your hair cut at a barber-shop or a salon?

CTE Oh wow, you gotta put it out there. This is Los Angeles, and sometimes you have to go to the salons.

FHM Do you feel less manly in a salon?

CTE Well, only when I'm getting a pedicure.

FHM Christ, *you* get pedicures?

CTE My wife told me I had to have my feet done when we got 1,000-thread-count sheets for the bed. I was ripping them up.

FHM With your toenails?

CTE With my heels! They cause ripples in the sheets someone could white-water raft on. You gotta get that filed down. I also like manicures. Unless you're a mechanic, there's no reason to have dirty nails.

FHM Do you get your hair and nails done at the same place?

CTE No, that's something you'll learn. You can't get your nails done at a black salon—you ain't got that kind of time. You get your hair cut, then you get up out of there.

FHM Wait, you're putting some layering in my hair, right?

CTE Yeah, it's definitely feathered in several different spots.

> The back

CTE You're lucky I'm not one of those barbers who puts his balls on your arm. They're like, "You like that cut?" And you're like, "Yeah, but can you get your balls off of me?"

FHM Yeah, I'm really lucky. I'm probably going to buy a hat after this. What's the most expensive hat you own?

CTE There's one that cost about $400. I'm designing my own line of Cedric the Entertainer hats that will cost, like, $1,300. They'll have jewels on them. But you aren't going to need one. This is yearbook picture right here. This is a whole new level. **(AW)**

Barbershop 2 ***hits theaters February 6.***

Helen Keller botched her first attempt at sex

FIVE THINGS . . .

. . . you didn't know about *Cheers*

1 Originally, *Cheers* was going to be set in a small hotel, with plots revolving around the guests and staff. The creators soon realized, though, that the best stories all had to do with the hotel bar, so they moved the setting to its now-famous location.

2 **Sam Malone was supposed to be an ex-football player. The first choice to play him was *Knots Landing*'s William Devane. During his audition, however, Devane refused to wear shoes and somehow managed to step on broken glass, which caused him to fumble his lines. The part went to Ted Danson.**

3 John Ratzenberger originally auditioned for the part of Norm. When he realized producers didn't like his reading of the character, he pitched the idea of a bar know-it-all and immediately ad-libbed a routine. Thus was born mailman Cliff Clavin.

4 **Obviously, the Cheers barflies didn't knock back real brewskies. Instead, they had near beer that was often flat. To make it foam, the crew would add salt. By all accounts, it tasted as terrible as it sounds.**

5 The catchy theme song, "Where Everybody Knows Your Name" has two more verses that are far less TV-friendly. The lyrics are: "All those nights/When you've got no lights/The check is in the mail/And your little angel/Hung the cat up by its tail/And your third fiancee didn't show/Sometimes you wanna go. . . ." And: "Roll out of bed/Mr. Coffee's dead/The morning's looking bright/And your shrink ran off to Europe and didn't even write/And your husband wants to be a girl/Be glad there's one place in the world. . . ." Ouch. **(EA)**

Cheers: The Complete Second Season *DVD* *is on sale now.*

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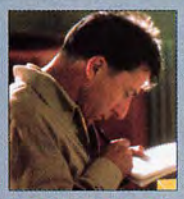
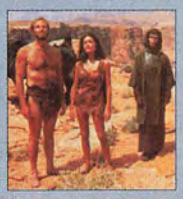


Rain Man: Special Edition MGM
Americans get jealous of the autistic. Includes director and writer commentary, one deleted scene and no real savants.



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Charlton Heston kicks monkey-ass. Two discs, multiple commentaries and simian outtakes.

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VIRAL

SYPHON FILTER: THE OMEGA STRAIN

Save the world by fighting illness with guns instead of drugs

SCEA PS2

SARS isn't the headlines darling it was last summer, but this fourth installment of *Syphon Filter* brings the memories of our favorite little airborne lung-punisher flooding back. A mysterious deadly virus is crippling the globe and it's up to your squad of elite antiterrorists to stop its spread and find the people who unleashed it.

Though the plot sounds like a standard one-man-takes-all shooter, it's anything

but. You can happily play from the solitude of a microbe-repellent quarantine bubble, but 13 of the 17 single-player missions allow cooperative online play with up to three other virus hunters—whose coughing and wheezing will be kept at a safe distance thanks to the Internet. Mix more than 100 weapons—including AK-47s, sniper rifles and ample blocks of C4—with headset compatibility for chatting with your online hombres, and you've got a multiplayer spy epic that will make you question your compulsion to constantly play with yourself. **(JMG)**

HIGH SCORES What to play while avoiding your life

> The Suffering

Midway PS2, XBOX, GC

Forget that dandy boy Casper and the tales you hear about ghosts befriending the staffs of old hotels and attracting tourists. The death-row ghouls in this prison-set *Resident Evil*–style horror title are scary enough to make *Oz* look like daytime programming on CBS. **(EB)**

> Medal of Honor: Pacific Assault

Electronic Arts PC

All Grandpa is good for these days is dozing off on the couch and confusing you with your little sister, but this gunner gives you a glimpse of the old fella's WWII glory days. Replay the war's fiercest Pacific battles in blistering 3-D realism as you and your pals become bayonet bait for the Japanese. **(DG)**

> Sonic Heroes

Sega PS2, XBOX, GC

Like Charlie Schlatter—the sap who played Ferris Bueller on TV—Sonic was always second-rate to Mario. Not anymore. *Heroes* features innovative, team-based gameplay that requires alternating between three characters to complete each of the game's 14 levels. **(DG)**

> NFL Street

EA Sports BIG PS2, XBOX, GC

No rules, just right. The Outback Steakhouse slogan we chant while defiling a Bloomin' Onion now describes football. With quick and dirty, seven-on-seven pickup games between pros—who play both offense and defense—*Street* skimps on the rules, just as backyard football should. **(TC)**

FINANCE

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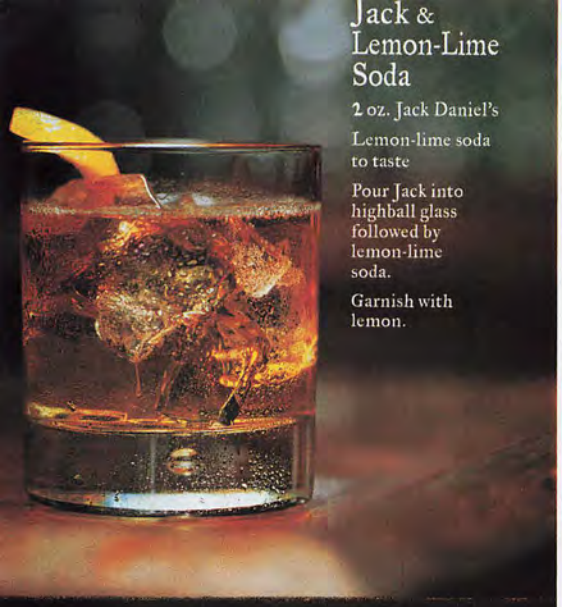

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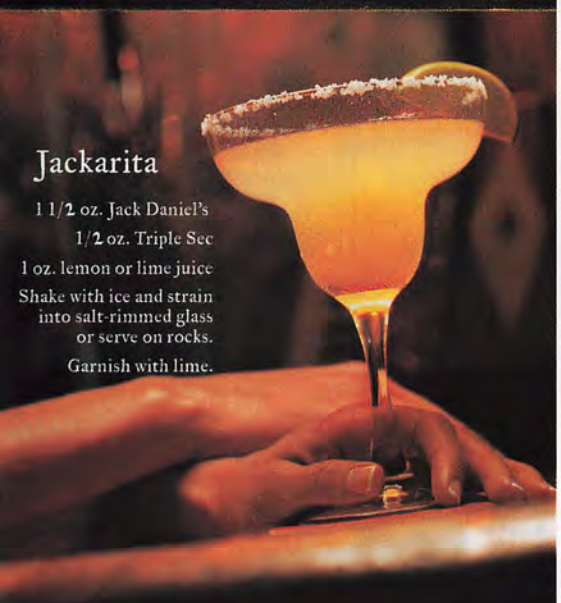

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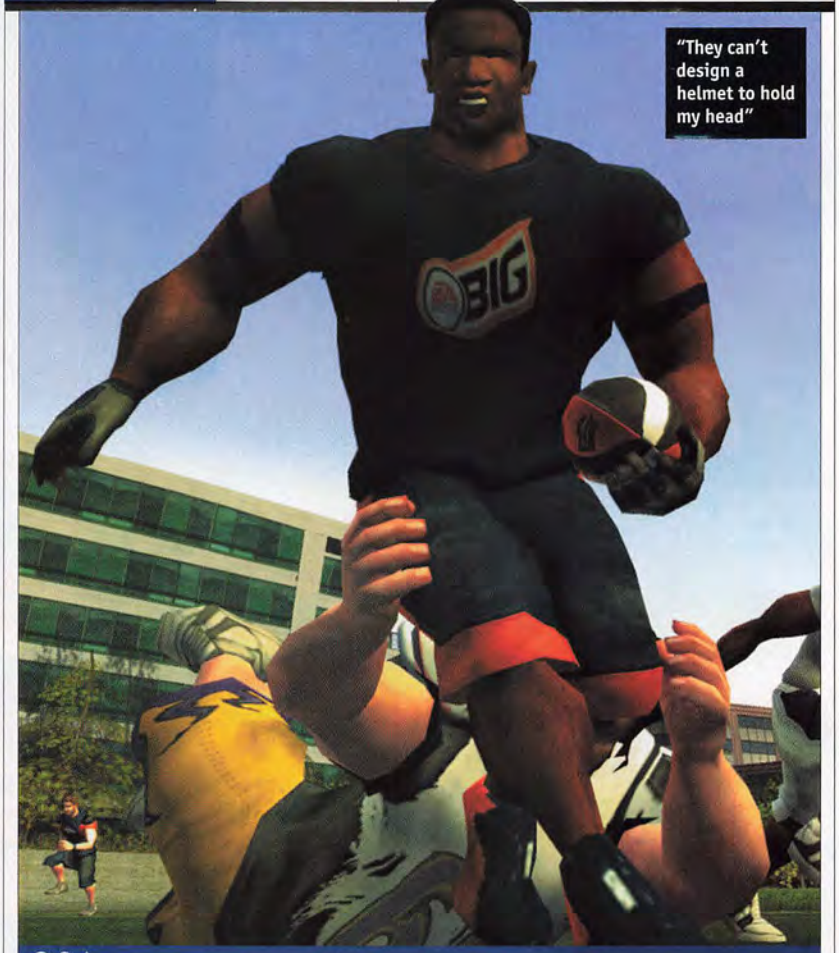

"They can't design a helmet to hold my head"

Q & A

SHANNON SHARPE

Denver's ball-magnet takes it off the gridiron in EA's *NFL Street*

So what makes *NFL Street* different from the rest of the football games out there?
It's how you played when you were growing up. You didn't have helmets or shoulder pads or cleats, and you weren't on a football field. You played in somebody's yard. This game has different settings like a pit and the beach.

Any elements of the game you'd like implemented in the NFL?
I'd like to roll my socks down. Some of the guys in the video game have low-cut socks and Timberlands—that's real cool. And you get to celebrate all the time. I like that too.

There's also the "gamebreaker" mode that makes you unstoppable. Have you ever felt that way during a real game?
You know it! Sometimes early on in a game you get this feeling that there's nothing the opposing team can do to stop you. Everything seems so slow around you and the ball seems so big. There are only a couple of times in your life when you'll have a game like that.

Tell us something people don't know about you.
I'm quiet. When people see me, they say, "You're nothing like what we see on television." There's a Shannon who comes across on TV as loud and funny. But when I'm not on the camera or on the field, I pretty much keep to myself.

Do you work on your smack-talking material before the game?
It's ad lib. I always think that when I get to the end zone, I'm going to do this dance or that one. But once you get there, everything you were thinking is forgotten. And you don't know what another player is going to say, so you can't practice. I just give it back to him as quick as I possibly can.

What about when you play the Raiders?
The Raiders don't do a lot of talking. They just do a whole lot of "cheap-shot-ing." I try to get my jabs in, too, but hopefully the other guy gets caught. (JM)

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Finally, a computer with built-in lotion and Kleenex

You and your lady have been growing apart lately. So this weekend, slip into the LovePC. Built by Texas computer guru Dean Liou—known in gaming circles as EnVaDor—the LovePC can spin a John Mayer disc for mood and even screen *Beaches* if that's the sort of thing you keep on your hard drive. The PC's tissue dispenser will help catch your girl's tears during the sad parts and the built-in lotion dispenser is for giving her foot rubs.

"There's even purple neon lighting for romantic atmosphere," Liou says. And when he told us that the LovePC was really meant for tugging one out, well, we didn't believe him. But now we've got aching balls, and we definitely believe him. (DG)

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If being dared to kiss the least attractive person in the room sounds like a party to you, then pick up *Truth or Dare* for your phone. You'll want to avoid playing this one in the men's room when the office mail-room guy is waging battle in the next stall.

> The Sims Bustin' Out

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GAME BOY ADVANCE

The fact that our life is in shambles doesn't stop us from thinking we can care for the poor little souls inside the new portable *Sims* game. First we pick our plaything's name, gender, hair and clothes, then we complete missions, do jobs and play mini-games.

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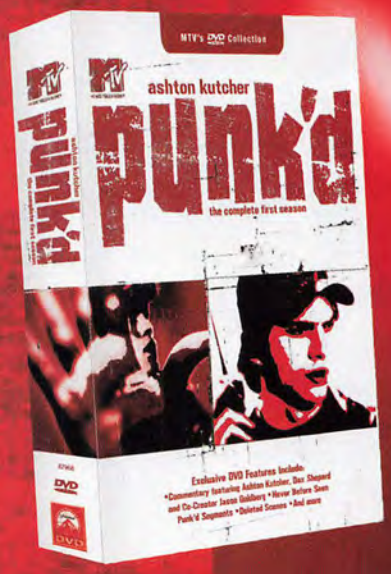
You've been passed over for a promotion so many times that it's hilarious. So while you ride that same desk into old age, play this space-strategy sim where you'll climb the corporate ladder as a junior executive fighting for control of the planet Icarus. (TS)

This month's reporters *(in order of their weight, in pounds—a true measure of how funny they are):* Adam Winer (270), Sam Barclay (215), Tom Samiljan (183), Ethan Alter (180), Bonsu Thompson (175), Jim McLauchlin (170), Tom Conlon (158), Christopher S. Stewart (155), Dave Gerardi (150), Jon M. Gibson (145), Kyle Anderson (131), Meghan Conaton (130), Jen Adams (125), Enid Burns (115), John Mihaly (113)

You can only push a celebrity so far. And then you have to shove them.



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JOKE OF THE MONTH

A guy goes into a pet store and says, "My dog ran away, I need a new one."

"Dogs are too much hassle," the pet-store owner advises. "How about this toothless hamster?"

"Why would I want a toothless hamster?" the guy asks.

"Pull down your zipper and I'll show you," the owner replies.

So the guy pulls down his zipper, because it helps the joke. The hamster lunges out and gives the guy an amazing hummer. Obviously, the guy buys the hamster. He goes home and sets it free on the floor.

Seeing it, his wife jumps on a chair. "What's that thing?" she screams.

"Never mind what it is," the guy says. "Just teach it how to cook and get the hell out."

Jackie "The Joke Man" Martling sells joke paraphernalia at www.jokeland.com.

SPECIAL COMEDIAN EDITION!

A dad is driving his daughter to school when a crazy woman in front of them throws a dick out of her window. The severed penis lands on the dad's windshield, and he quickly flicks on the wipers to knock it off. "Daddy, what was that?" his daughter asks.

Covering, the father replies, "It was an African fly."

"Daddy," the girl says, "did you see the size of the dick on that fly?"

***Kevin Hart can be seen on ABC's new sitcom* The Big House.**

Why did Helen Keller have a bad time at the zoo?

Because she couldn't see or hear any animals.

***David Wain is the director of* Wet Hot American Summer.**

Hank and Bill are sitting on the porch, watching a dog lick his balls. "Boy, I wish I could do that," Hank says.

Bill thinks for a moment and replies, "Well, go ahead. It's your dog."

Suzanne Westenhoefer's CD* Guaranteed Fresh *is available at www.suzannew.com.

How do you make a Canadian?

Hit an Englishman in the head with a brick.

***David Alan Grier appears on ABC's* Life With Bonnie.**

What's the difference between a refrigerator and a three-inch man painting the side of a house?

On a quantum level, there is no difference.

***Michael Ian Black can be seen on NBC's* Ed.**

All day long a guy hears a voice in his head saying, "Go to Vegas. *Go to Vegas!*" It's drives him crazy, so he gets on a plane for Vegas. Once there, the voice says, "Go to the Bellagio. The . . . *Bellagio* . . ." So off he goes. Next the voice says, "Go to the roulette wheel!" And then: "Bet all of your money on red six. *Reeeed siiiiiix*!" The guy plunks down all his cash and watches as the croupier spins the wheel. The ball lands on black 15. The voice in the man's head says, "*Shit*. . . ."

Patton Oswalt has show info and a CD at www.pattonoswalt.com.

What is the smelliest thing on earth?

An anchovy's snatch.

***Jeffrey Ross hosted* MTV Bash: Carson Daly.**

Why does a dog lick his own balls?

Because he can't take a woman to dinner.

***Nick Di Paolo is a regular on Comedy Central's* Tough Crowd with Colin Quinn.**

A guy goes to a hooker and says, "I want to be tied up." They have sex, but the hooker won't tie him up. Afterward, he refuses to pay. "I asked to be tied up," he says.

"I know," the hooker replies. "Now we're going to my parents' house for the weekend."

***Thomas Lennon can be seen on Comedy Central's* Reno 911.**

A mother finds a hardcore S&M magazine in her son's room. She shows it to her husband and asks, "What should we do?"

"Well, a spanking is probably out of the question," the husband replies

***Josh Meyers stars on Fox's* MADtv.**

***Read more jokes and submit one of your own at* FHMUS.com**

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ROBERT PLANT

Old tight-pants on forgetting things, stealing Hendrix's man-stalk and the joy of tennis

***FHM* would like to thank you for providing the soundtrack to countless lost virginities.**

Thanks. As long as I didn't have to clean up afterward, I don't mind.

Does it freak you out that you can't turn on the radio without hearing Led Zeppelin?

I don't live in America, so I don't hear it. In England, rock 'n' roll isn't accepted on the radio. When I hear it in the States, I admit that I flush with pride. I remember what it was like to cut those records, and the optimism and the ambition that we had was something very strong. If I hear Led Zeppelin, I'll go, "Ah." But if I heard it every day, I'd be screaming at the radio to play more obscure material instead of the same six songs they play.

Your latest compilation, *Sixty Six to Timbuktu*, showcases your non–Led Zep work. Looking back, does it shock you that you became one of the greatest rock singers of all time?

Well, it's a shock to be so successful, but I was obsessed. The retro aspect of this compilation is very appealing because I think to be a good rock-'n'-roll singer is one thing, but to have history is much more important. I didn't arrive out of the blue: I was trying like a lunatic to make it and to emulate my favorite singers.

As the singer, was it hard to stay interested during Jimmy Page's long-winded guitar solos?

No, it was always interesting. I didn't fall asleep once. I got pretty good at learning card tricks and stuff like that when I was working with Jimmy—"Dazed and Confused" could take up to 45 minutes. Drum solos were the toughest, but then again, we'd spend the time backstage with our adoring public.

Led Zeppelin's 1968 debut was recorded in 30 hours. What bands today could pull that off?

The White Stripes. I mean, it can't take *that* long to do that.

The band's tours were notorious. What's in your rider these days?

There are no powders. I guess it's a bottle of Geritol and a nurse.

> **"When I cut my hair, I end up looking like a waitress from Santa Monica"**

Tell us a John Bonham story we haven't heard a thousand times.

George Harrison karate-chopped his birthday cake. After a gig, we all went to Bonzo's birthday party in Beverly Hills. Somebody gave him a three-tiered cake with "Happy Birthday Bonzo" on it. He was so proud of it. He was showing it off when George Harrison karate-chopped it right down the middle. Cake flew everywhere. Bonzo took aim at George, missed, and there was this *Keystone Kops* chase around the house. George went into the pool. The cake went into the pool. A grand piano nearly went into the pool. Bonzo also bought fruit and vegetables once so he could lob them at Slade during one of their gigs.

In 1971, the band was banned from the Tokyo Hilton for life. Have you been back since?

No. It's pretty downmarket these days. You have to enter the lobby wearing clothes now too. Entering the hotel and running across to the elevators naked was always good for the adrenal glands. Doing that now wouldn't look so good.

How many dead bodies have you seen during your career?

None. It was very difficult to wake Jimmy up sometimes. He would try to communicate with the other side for four days without sleep. When he hit the sack, he hit the sack.

Collectors pay thousands for rock memorabilia. What cool stuff have you hung on to?

We knew the Plaster Casters from Chicago [a group of women who would make molds of rock stars' erections] and I made off with a cast of Jimi Hendrix's phallus.

Do you display it on your mantel?

I lost it or I had to give it back. I can't remember which. It's not something I would have put on the shelf and admired, but it was worth running away with it for a minute.

When was the last time you had a decent haircut?

In 1981. The trouble is when I cut my hair, I end up looking like a waitress from Santa Monica. There's something wrong with curly hair when it's cut short.

Were you pissed off at Creed for copping the riff from "Kashmir"?

Where are you going to end with this? The Beastie Boys? Michael Jackson? The stuff is everywhere. Those riffs are all Jimmy Page's and he used to get crazy about it—and quite rightly so. But then again, we weren't exactly angels ourselves.

Speaking of not being angels, you were pioneers of hotel-television flight. How would today's flat-screen TVs perform?

I spend more time in Mali than I do in Manchester these days; you'd probably have to throw it into the back of a camel's pouch. But I could manage a flat-screen as long as it wasn't too heavy.

When was the last time you were robbed while traveling?

Possibly yesterday, here in L.A. I can't find my girlfriend's coat. I think it's my age. I can't remember where I put things.

Right. What's next in Robert Plant's Palm Pilot?

There are a lot of Pro-Am tennis events coming up. I'm trying to creep my way in like some kind of tennis groupie.

Which tennis hottie would you most like to volley?

Oh, I think the Russian girl.

Anna Kournikova?

Yes. I have a good volley, actually.

The Led Zeppelin biography *The Hammer of the Gods* reports that you fooled around with your ex-wife's younger sister.

Have you really read that shit?

It's entertaining. But not as entertaining as pulling off the fantasy of many married men. Any advice?

Don't do it. Keep it in your pants.

Why?

Because it can only go one way.

Which way is that?

Up.

Finally, was selling your soul to the devil worth it?

The closest I've ever got to selling my soul to the devil was having a drink with John McEnroe. **FHM**

Interview by Kevin Raub
Robert Plant's album* Sixty Six to Timbuktu *is out now.

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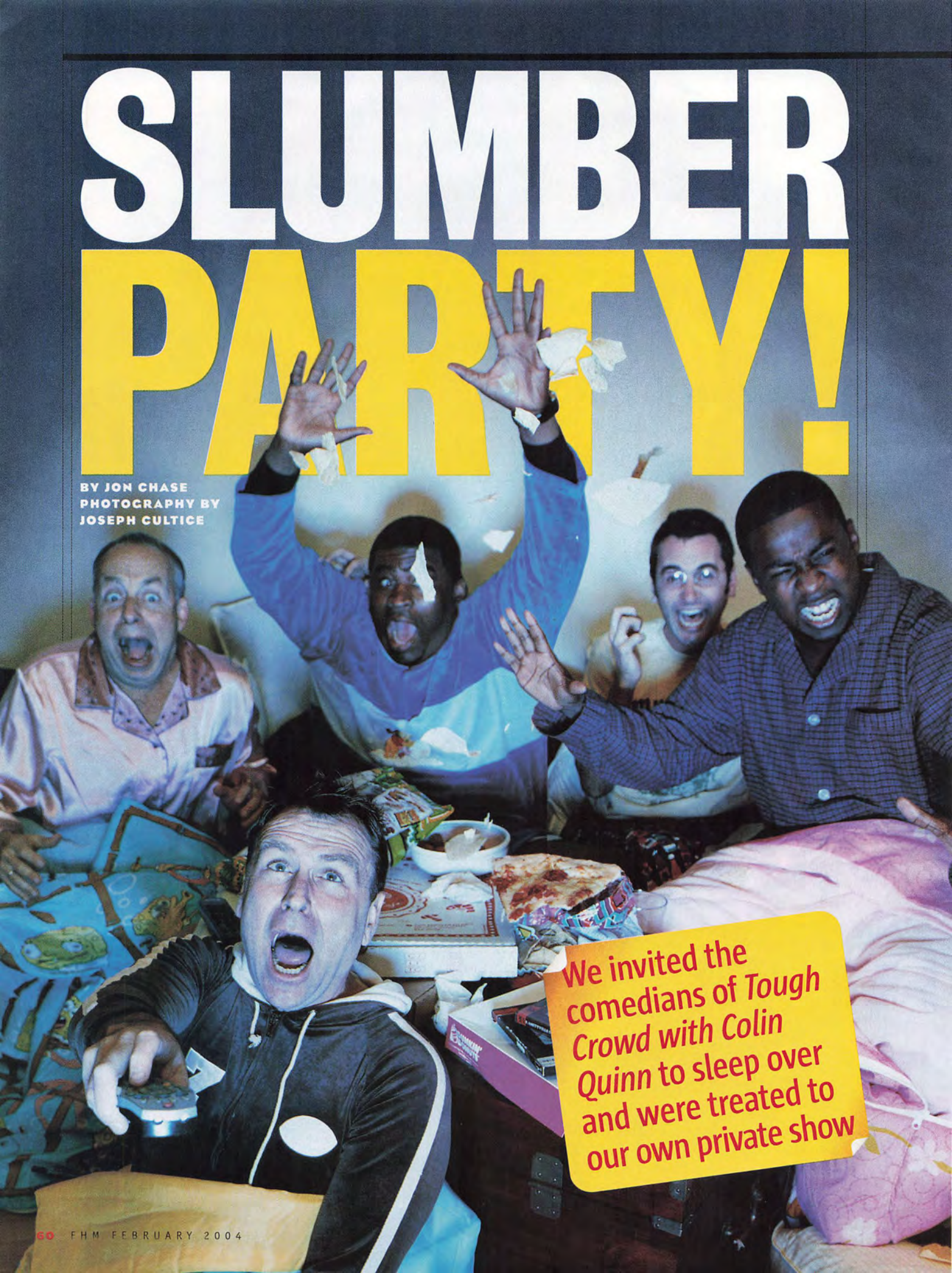


We invited the comedians of *Tough Crowd with Colin Quinn* to sleep over and were treated to our own private show

Standup comedians suffer a wretched existence, schlepping from city to city for weeks at a stretch while braving unappreciative crowds of booze-drowned hecklers. So it was with a warm sense of sympathy that *FHM* invited the host of *Tough Crowd with Colin Quinn*, along with a trio of his veteran guests, for a wholesome evening in the comforts of our home. It turns out they're called the Tough Crowd for good reason.

"Colin looks like a cheesy 1950s Hercules"

THE CROWD

Colin Quinn
Brooklyn's impish Irishman has a dark past

Keith Robinson
Doesn't like to admit he lives in Philly

Jim David
Likes his comedy un-gay, despite being gay

Patrice O'Neal
A hungry wolf in bear's clothing

8:04 PM THE GUESTS ARRIVE

Keith Robinson is the first to show up, toting a duffle bag and wearing a "let's get this over with" grimace. A minute later, a middle-aged man on a crappity 10-speed bike pedals over. Keith looks shocked, and then shakes his head wearily. It's our second guest, Jim David.

Keith: "Jesus, Jim, you fucking rode a *bike* here?"

Jim: "I live five blocks away."

Keith: "Yeah, well walk or take a cab. You look ridiculous, like you stole some kid's bike. From 1978."

The two bicker back and forth about Jim's hooptie bike until Colin Quinn appears. He's briefed on Jim's choice of transport and then promptly settles the matter.

Colin: "You're both nitwits. Where the hell is Patrice?"

FHM: "He's still coming, but he got a last-minute gig and won't be showing up till late."

Colin: "That's just like him to fuck everyone else up, the bastard. Tell you the truth, it's a blessing."

8:27 PM THE PAJAMA INCIDENT

***FHM* has purchased man-pajamas for our guests. Colin squeezes himself into a brown bodysuit-type getup and immediately bursts the crotch-to-chin zipper. As *FHM* dutifully kneels in front of him at junk level, trying to back the train over the tracks, Jim eyeballs his pink suit with disgust.**

Jim: "Oh, I'm gay so I get pink? I'm not wearing these fucking things."

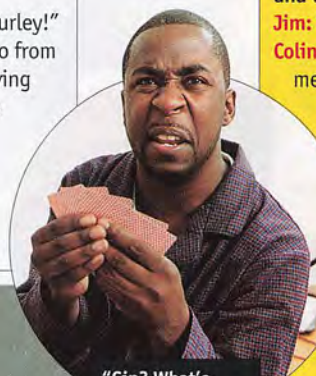
Keith: [*Stroking the PJs*]: "The shit *is* silky smooth you know."

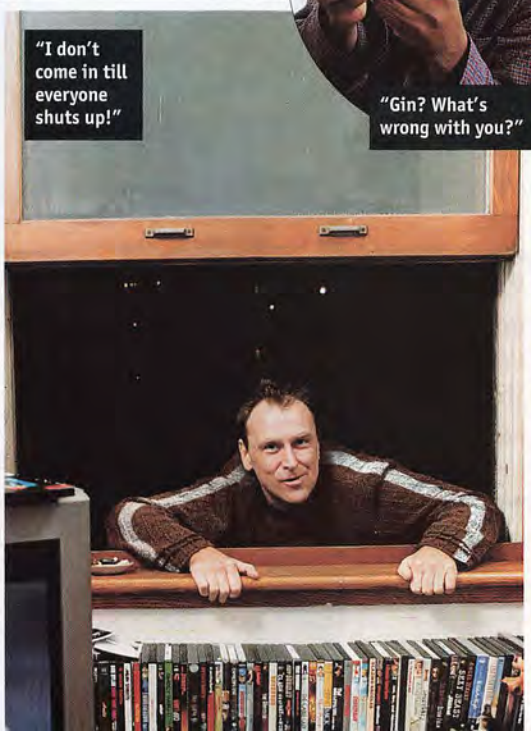
Jim: "Really? All right, I'll wear them. But not the faggy pink slippers."

Keith: "Look at Colin, he looks like a cheesy 1950s Hercules. Or Jack LaLanne. Man, Colin you have a *terrible* ass. It's flat as a board. You have a Chinese woman's ass."

Colin: "Look at Jim—he's Mr. Furley!"

Jim: "I feel like Lorraine Bracco from *Goodfellas*. 'I gotta admit—having the gun in my hand turned me on!' Keith, you look just like George Jefferson. [*Strutting like Sherman Helmsley*] 'For we movin' on up, to the East Side!'"


"Gin? What's wrong with you?"


"I don't come in till everyone shuts up!"

8:46 PM COLIN HANGS HIMSELF

The pizza has arrived. Colin tears his slices into tiny scraps, leaving a mess that Jim describes as "looking like hamsters attacked." Keith suggests we play a game of cards. Jim promptly deals everyone a hand. There is a pause as everyone counts their cards and then looks mystified.

Jim: "We're playing gin, right?"

Colin: "Gin? Are you fucking kidding me? I don't know how *your* kind play cards, but we meant poker, you idiot."

Keith: "Yeah, what's up with this shit? What's wrong with you?"

Jim: "Oh, and I guess *your* people would prefer dominoes?"

Keith: "*My* people? Oh, no—"

Jim: "Gin is fun, what's wrong with—[*points at window*] what's your problem, get back in here!"

Across the room, Colin is dangling from the window, with only his grip on the sill keeping him from certain death—we are four stories up and there is no window ledge or anything to support him. Suddenly it's like a bad episode of *T.J. Hooker*, as we all try to avert imminent doom and talk Colin back in to safety. It's only when everyone gives up and flees the room to avoid criminal implication that Colin gets bored and clambers inside. "I did this the other day at a meeting with my producers." he explains. "I told them I wouldn't come back in till everyone shut the fuck up."

8:54 PM SEX WITH STRANGERS

The conversation turns to sex and things get nasty, but in an uncomfortable way. Keith says he's never cheated; Jim insists he's also loyal.

Colin: "Jim's idea of staying loyal is that he uses the same glory hole."

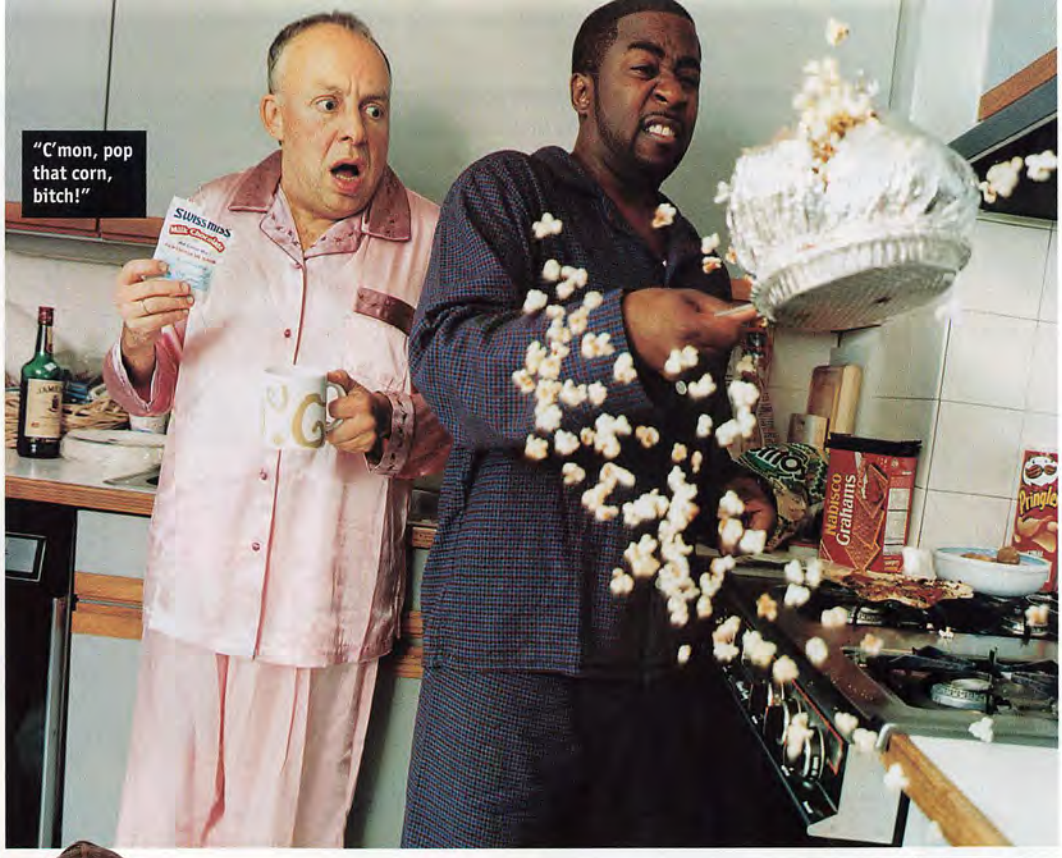
Keith: "That happened to me once. I was at a club and a guy poked his cock through my stall."

Jim: "Did you clean up afterward?"

Keith: "I tried to kick it. I told the manager and he said I was in the 'wrong section.' That's the evil of *your* people."

Jim: "OK, tell me: How is some guy's dick different from a stripper you don't know rubbing her tits all in your face?"

Colin: "Because we *pay* them. Strippers are like civil employees: They have health insurance and a dental plan."



"C'mon, pop that corn, bitch!"

9:33 PM AUDIENCE APPRECIATION

An ad for Comedy Central's *Reno 911* comes on the TV and talk shifts to *Tough Crowd*'s audience.

Colin: "If you want to kill yourself, then read the Web site's message boards. It's all some geek from Waukegan analyzing everyone."

Jim: "You can tell they're from a loser, wannabe comedian who never made it and wants revenge."

Colin slips off and returns with a pile of s'mores and chocolate all over his mouth. "Get that shit off your face," Jim says. "It reminds me of a bad date I had a couple weeks ago."

"I'm going to write a book called *I Was a 12-Year-Old Queer*"

10:06 PM CHILDREN OF THE POPCORN

Colin is safely back indoors and quizzing *FHM* on the evening's horror-movie options while Keith and Jim are in the kitchen tussling over the Jiffy Pop. We settle on a fitting classic, *Children of the Corn*. Keith is popping and Jim helps out by making himself hot chocolate.

Jim: "C'mon, pop that corn, bitch! Yeah, you like that Jiffy Pop."

***FHM*:** "You have to let a few pop before you shake it."

Keith: "Oh, you're the boss, right? You're not the boss of me. Like black people have never. . . ."

Jim: "Pop that shit! Yeah!"

Keith: "Don't pay attention to me, dammit, make the Swiss Miss. Lick that Swiss! Yeah, lick it!"

Jim: "I bet you've never been to Switzerland."

Keith: "Been there! Yes I have, motherfucker!"

As the two revisit the travel argument, interspersed with amateur Jiffy Pop theory, there is the distinct sound of the half-popped foil contraption clattering on the kitchen floor. But the five-second rule is in effect, as Keith and Jim return to the living room and happily offer Colin the swept-up remnants of the soiled floor-corn.

9:54 PM COLIN HANGS HIMSELF II

Keith and Jim get in a heated debate over who has traveled more.

Keith: "I've been all over the world, and to every one of the 50-however-many states there are. No one's traveled like me. Name any place and I've been there—Africa, Asia, Australia, Europe, everywhere."

Jim: "There are only 50 states, you moron. [*Looking at window*] You have a real sickness, you know that?"

Colin is out the window again, relishing the ruckus he's causing. Hand-wringing and pleading commence. Colin is enjoying himself.

'Strippers are like civil employees: They have health insurance'

"Jim's idea of staying loyal is going to the same glory hole"

10:53 PM THE CLOSET OPENS

Conversation inexplicably turns to the subject of being paddled in school, then to the logical topic of when a guy's balls drop. Everyone seems to be strongly on the side of paddling children, and unsure of the timing of ball-dropdom.

Jim: "When I was 4, my balls were as tight as a drum. Just really firm. Then I had to go the doctor and have one drained."

Keith: "Jesus, Jim. That's fucked up. Colin, we should take Jim upstairs and rape him. That'll shut him up."

Colin: "Yeah, that's a good idea. But he'd like it, so what's the point?"

Jim: "You mean like you used to like it when you were a kid?"

Colin: "We all had gay experiences as a kid. Everyone goes gay for a while."

Keith: "I had a teacher try to fiddle with me when I was 13. He tried to get me to sit on his lap."

Colin: "I'm going to write a book: *I Was a 12-Year-Old Queer*."

Keith: "This kid Tommy used to sell his ass for a quarter at recess. He'd sell it like deli meat. You know: five pumps for a quarter, 15 pumps for 75 cents."

Jim: "Your mother must have gotten sick and tired of you begging her for spare change."

"I hope these PJs are big enough. I'm doing this for you, Jim"

12:47 AM THE NAKED TRUTH

Even Elizabeth Berkeley's perky bosom can't seem to hold anyone's attention. Jim is bewildered.

Jim: "I love this because it's so kitschy. Does anyone actually get turned on by this crap?"

Everyone: "Yes."

Patrice: "If you don't mind soft porn, you *could* jerk off to this. Oh, man. That, though, that's an *awful* ass. Is she supposed to be a stripper?"

Keith: "What's up with strip clubs these days anyway? I don't want a goddamn buffet while I'm trying to look at titties. I want to be able to do some bargaining, talk a little, strike me a side deal with one of the ladies, you know?"

11:48 PM COLIN'S REVENGE

Colin's love affair with the window is briefly rekindled. The laws of probability are clearly being tempted, however, and so rather than witness a pointless death, everyone leaves the room. Left without an audience, Colin reluctantly crawls back in.

12:19 AM ENTER PATRICE

Patrice has arrived, and gets shit from everyone.

Colin: "Here he is, finally. Did you drive yourself?"

Patrice: "Yeah, why? Is this pizza?"

Colin: "Patrice's car is a shitty, big, red '70s Caddy. You see him chugging along down the avenue in his ridiculous, cherry-red pimp-mobile."

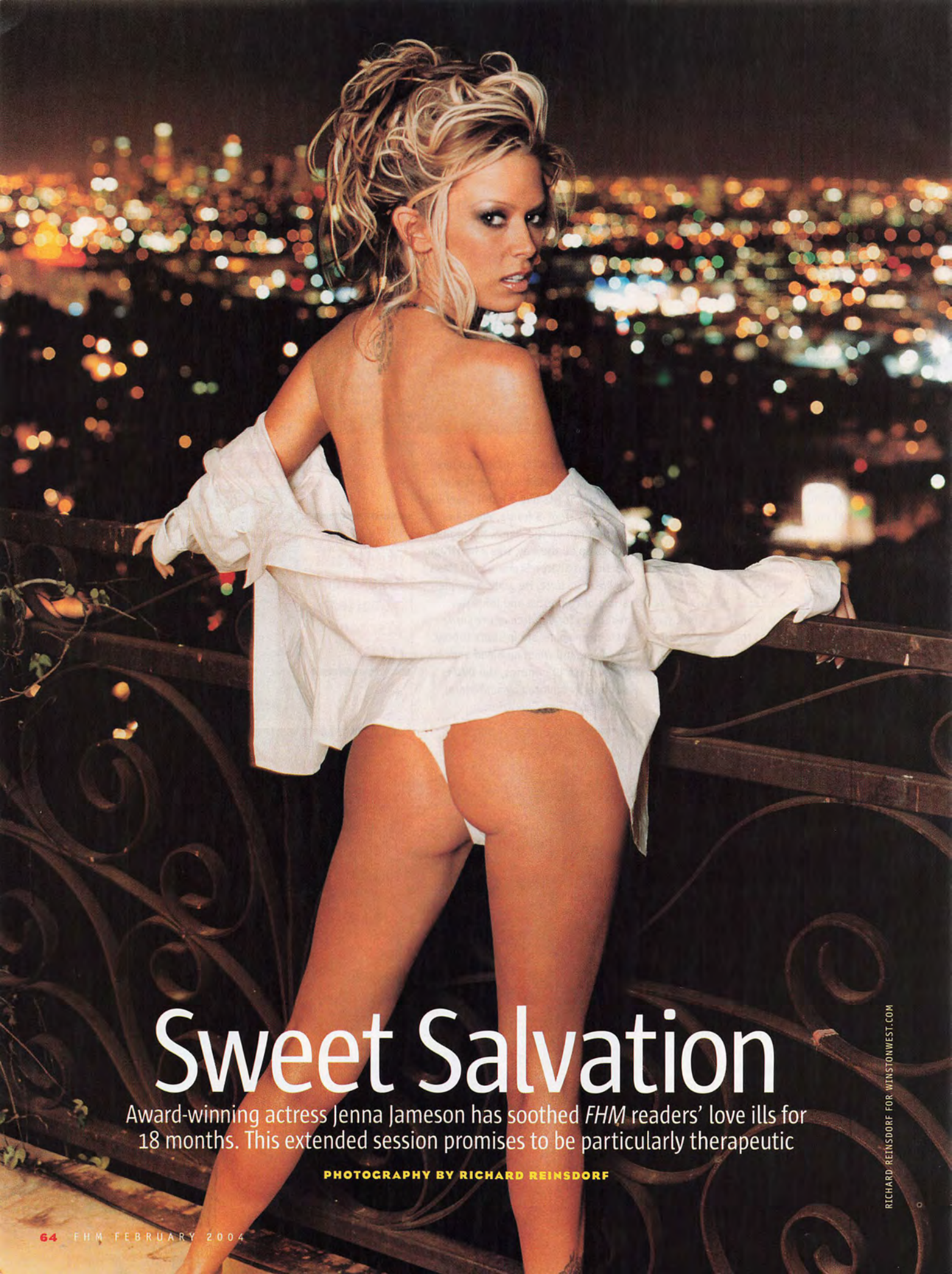
Patrice: "I hope these pajamas are big enough for me. I'm doing this for you, Jim."

No matter how much we beg him not to, Patrice drops his monstrous trousers in front of everyone and pulls a mighty XXXL nightgown over his head. Despite being the size of a pup tent, it fits like a T-shirt over his colossal 6-foot-5 frame. When he plops down on the couch, his nightie slides up all the way, like a horrifying version of Sharon Stone's muff flash in *Basic Instinct*. He grabs a couple slices of cold pizza and joins the rest of us for *Children of the Corn*. Attention spans are in short supply, however, and when no blood appears in the first 10 minutes, the DVD is summarily replaced by something with more gore: *Showgirls*.

'This kid used to sell his ass for a quarter at school recess'

1:04 AM LIGHTS OUT

As *Showgirls* continues to create mixed feelings in us all, everyone drifts off. *FHM* expects to be assaulted by a pillow, or hit with the old wrist-in-warm-water trick, but there are no such hijinks. These kids are tuckered. *FHM* eventually knocks off, but it is a restless sleep disturbed by vivid dreams of people falling from windows, 25-cent playground sex, oozy balls and surly giants in miniskirts. The Crowd, however, sleeps blissfully. FHM



Sweet Salvation

Award-winning actress Jenna Jameson has soothed *FHM* readers' love ills for 18 months. This extended session promises to be particularly therapeutic

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Neither sleet nor snow nor three-hour lunches can sway the men of *FHM*'s mailroom from their appointed rounds. With smiles on their faces, they pull loads from their swollen sacks and deposit them on staff members' desks. We love it too: Every day the *FHM* mailbag heaves with letters from irate lawyers, women hoping to grace our pages and readers looking for *FHM*'s incomparable advice duo, Jenna and Isaac, to cure their love problems.

But because Jenna and Isaac can't see to every letter every month, special measures have been taken to help the needy—and to bring some much-needed heat during these miserable winter months. And because Isaac's been hard at work helping readers hone their pickup techniques—see "Directed by Isaac" on page 70—Jenna's taking this round of questions solo.

Let her know what feels good. Better still, show her

There's one good thing about having a vegetarian girlfriend: Our apartment is full of natural dildo options. How can I get vegetables into the bedroom?
Green Thumb, Harrisburg, PA
Set up a buffet of a cucumber, a carrot, strawberries and an eggplant for her. Start with strawberries. Place one between your teeth and kiss passionately. Let the juices go everywhere. Take the eggplant and rub it softly against her skin. Next, slowly put a lubed cucumber where you know it'll feel good. When she's ready, insert. Save the carrot for a snack after you're done.

Take the eggplant and rub it softly against her skin

When my girlfriend goes out on "girls' nights," she never lets me tag along and keeps the plans top secret. Is she cheating? What could she be up to?
In the Dark, Glenview, IL
She could well be having the most athletic sex of her life with a richer, more handsome man than you. The point is this: You either trust your girlfriend or you don't. Everyone needs space. Enjoy the time apart with your friends and see how she reacts to you being Captain Sneaky. If she freaks out, she's up to no good.

My girlfriend gives terrible head. How can I correct her technique?
Can't Get no Satisfaction, Islip, NY
Express yourself by letting her know what feels good. Better still, show her. Have her kneel in front of you while you stroke it. She'll see how your hand moves and mimic that swinging action with her mouth. When she does that, tell her how good it is. Encouragement is everything. She might like to play with herself while she's going down on you. I love to do that.

You don't need to break up with a woman unless you go to prison

When I left for Iraq, I thought I'd miss my girlfriend. But I don't—I'm thinking of dumping her. What's the best way to break up without upsetting her?
Heart of Steel, via e-mail
I think you're fooling yourself about not missing her and you're building an emotional wall for yourself. It's nothing to get hung up about—that's a natural defense for men. You don't need to break up with a woman unless you go to prison. Feel free to give in to temptation while you're away. Be safe over there—you have my love and support. The thought of all those guys jacking off in one place gets me so hot.

My friends like to go out to clubs to meet girls, but I can't dance. I look stupid. Help!
Two Left Feet, Orlando, FL
The only people who dance at clubs are guys who don't know how to start a conversation with chicks, kids on X and women. Learn to talk, not dance. I love to dance, but why get sweaty and funky before sex? Who came up with this dance-before-sex concept? Parents keeping an eye on things at the local roller rink, that's who!

I love to dance, but why get sweaty and funky before sex?

My girlfriend has horrible taste in music. I'm talking Celine, Mariah and Enya. How can I convert her to rock?
Devil Horns Rule, Atlanta, GA
There are so many soft-rock groups today. Break her into rock slowly by easing it into the mix. Don't put on some Slayer in the car while you shake your mullet for two hours. Start her off with some Coldplay or Creed. Or try Metallica's newer, foofey stuff.

A threesome with two women is every man's fantasy. Now my girlfriend wants to make it come true. Any advice?
She Wants a Threesome, Houston, TX
Heed these four golden rules: One, she chooses the girl. Two, don't kiss the other girl. Three, your girlfriend gets your come. Four, ask yourself if you really want to do it. Fantasy can be better than reality, sometimes. **FHM**

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DIRECTED BY ISAAC!

He's not Matchmaker of the High Seas for nothing. Marvel at the magic when *FHM*'s resident sex expert is at the controls

BY PAUL S. KATZ ◆ PHOTOGRAPHY BY VINCENT SOYEZ

Every month, we are flooded with mail from *FHM* readers heaping praise upon Isaac's pithy sex advice. "He convinced my girlfriend to let me go to strip clubs," writes Andrew B. Linn of Whitehall, PA. Salvatore Nolfo of Santa Barbara, CA, states, "Thanks to Isaac, I scored more tail last year than in my previous 24 combined." Never before, however, have we been able to witness the power of his advice. Until now.

"Nobody is hopeless with women," Isaac insists. "I see tons of butt-ugly guys with fine-looking girlfriends all the time." With those inspiring words, a guy in the midst of a 10-month lady slump set out in search of women—under Isaac's watchful eye and armed with the Matchmaker's best tricks. "I will show you how to get a woman's time," Isaac insists. "This is a master class."

TRICK 1: LET HER FEEL THE POWER

THE PROP A crisp copy of *Harry Potter and the Order of the Phoenix*
ISAAC'S THEORY "We picked this book because it's warm and cuddly. It tells a woman you are safe and reminds her of when she was a child. Do *not* bring something like *Silence of the Lambs*. No girl is going to give up anything if she thinks you might be a cannibal."

Pushing his way into a crowded Wall Street bar, Isaac's pupil finds a seat in a dark and quiet alcove area. He's still scoping the scene when a stunning brunette with a halter top, a miniskirt and knee-high leather boots plops down beside him. "You *aren't* reading *Harry Potter,* are you?" she asks.

It turns out that her niece is reading the same book and, well, they're both just wild about Harry. She launches into a rather involved dissertation on ogres, muggles and elves as our budding wizard nods excitedly like a bobblehead doll, confident in his panty-peeler spell. As the two sit contentedly for a few rounds of drinks, it seems that a connection is being made. That progress is stymied, however, when she suddenly begins readying herself to leave. Our man deftly counters by producing pen and paper—e-mail addresses are exchanged and a date is made to get together soon to "discuss books." Remember children: Reading *is* fun.

ISAAC'S CRITIQUE "Not bad, for a first attempt. But consider e-mail a no-go from now on. You'll spend two hours writing something cute just so she can sit back and laugh at your dumb ass. Then she'll forward it to all her friends. The rank of success goes like this: her home phone is best, then cell, work, down to e-mail and finally the blow-off. If she asks for *your* number, you know you're getting blown off."

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SONY
SONY

TRICK 2: BOUNCE BACK LIKE A SPONGE

THE PROP A big, plastic SpongeBob SquarePants key chain
ISAAC'S THEORY "This prop doubles as a reminder: Soak up the info she tells you, and then slowly squeeze it back out to her. You must pay attention and listen. If she says her name and you forget it and ask again, pack up and go home because you're dead in the water. Also, a guy who just wants the pussy will forget her name and call her "baby" or "darling" and will be eyeballing her up and down. She can sense that a mile away. You already know how good she looks, so have some discipline and keep your eyes above her neck."

Inside a near-deserted bar, this particular exercise seems doomed from the get-go. There are just four women in the place, and anyway, Bob's biggest fans tend to be kids and lonely stoners, not sexy ladies looking for action. But Isaac's no dummy, and so our SpongeBobed trooper heads to the bar and orders a beer. Pulling his clunky key chain from his pocket to get money, he places it on the bar. It's as if lightning struck. The hot brunette bartender quickly grabs Bob and shrieks, "How cute!" drawing the attention of a blond beauty in a tight red top. Eureka!

Sticking closely to Isaac's plan, our man stares intently into the blonde's eyes and soaks up her every word. It's just as Isaac predicted, until things take a turn for the weird when she grabs Bob and gnaws off his arm. "He likes it rough," she grins, "and so do I." Unfortunately, she offers Isaac's pupil only a lingering kiss on the cheek before scrawling her cell-phone number on a napkin and weaving for the exit.

ISAAC'S CRITIQUE "She got away, but at least you got her cell-phone number—she wants to hook up! And damn, that girl is dangerous in a fine way. She'll ride you till it chafes. Then again, if you get to know her more, you may not want her. You know, the *Fatal Attraction*, boil your rabbit kind of thing. Or waking up to find she has six fingers and a third eye."

TRICK 3: BE THE UNDERDOG

THE PROP A Cincinnati Bengals football jersey
ISAAC'S THEORY "If you wear a jersey of a team that blows, you don't have to start the conversation—someone else will start it for you. It also shows women you're a true fan. Females respect loyalty, not guys who bolt at the first whiff of shit hitting the fan."

Within seconds of our Peter Warrick wannabe entering a sports bar filled with obnoxious New York fans, a shrill howl cuts through the crowd: "Bengals suck!" It came from a cute strawberry blonde in the corner, so our man grabs a beer, walks over to investigate the offending party and is promptly treated to a tirade on the NFL's worst team of the past decade. He listens intently to her critiques before stopping her cold with a moving speech about loyalty—which sounds suspiciously like Lou

Gehrig's from *Pride of the Yankees*. She blushes and it seems a tear comes to her eye. As a gesture of reconciliation, she buys a makeup shot: a blowjob. A public make-out session ensues. He could . . . go . . . all . . . the . . . way! But he doesn't. Instead he takes an ill-timed piss break and returns to find that his make-out partner has vanished. Like the Bengals, he fails to convert.

ISAAC'S CRITIQUE "Always, always, *always* get the girl's number before you piss. I don't care how bad it hurts, hold it until you get digits. Other than that, you did good. It takes balls to make an ass out of yourself in public. She responded to it . . . until you dropped the ball."

TRICK 4: SHOW OFF YOUR DOUGH

THE PROP A tube of cookie dough
ISAAC'S THEORY "Guys never want a woman's opinion on anything, and so women love to be asked. We're going to be sneaking in from the side this time, taking advantage of their blind spot. When you're somewhere neutral like a grocery store, women don't even realize you're picking them up. You have to be a commando."

Our trooper has reached the store's last aisle when he notices a total scorcher: blond, luscious lips and hipster jeans that drop tantalizingly close to the promised land. She's holding a basket loaded with yogurt, bottled water and vegetables. His only hope is that the gargantuan cucumber isn't an indication of her size requirements.

He advances on her wielding a couple rolls of woman-tranquilizer: cookie dough. Holding them out, he asks which is better, and explains it's his first time making cookies and that they're for a recently laid-off friend. She smiles and advises that chocolate chip is far superior to oatmeal. A chat session begins, and as he collects cookie condiments and quizzes her on baking 101, she offers to share her basket. The battle appears to be won.

Once they hit the checkout line, it's do or die for Isaac's eager pupil. A plainly desperate offer to continue the conversation over milk and cookies earns only a raised eyebrow. "You're very sweet." And then the death blow: "But sweets aren't my thing. Sorry."

ISAAC'S CRITIQUE "Aw, man, you got greedy! Think of this like you're fishing. You want to throw out the bait, wait for a bite and if you get one, then *slowly* start reeling the fish back in. You yanked on the pole. If you pull too hard too fast, you lose the fish. Now you're going home without any fish, and tonight you're just pole-yanking by yourself."

THE TRUE TEST: APPLYING WHAT WAS LEARNED

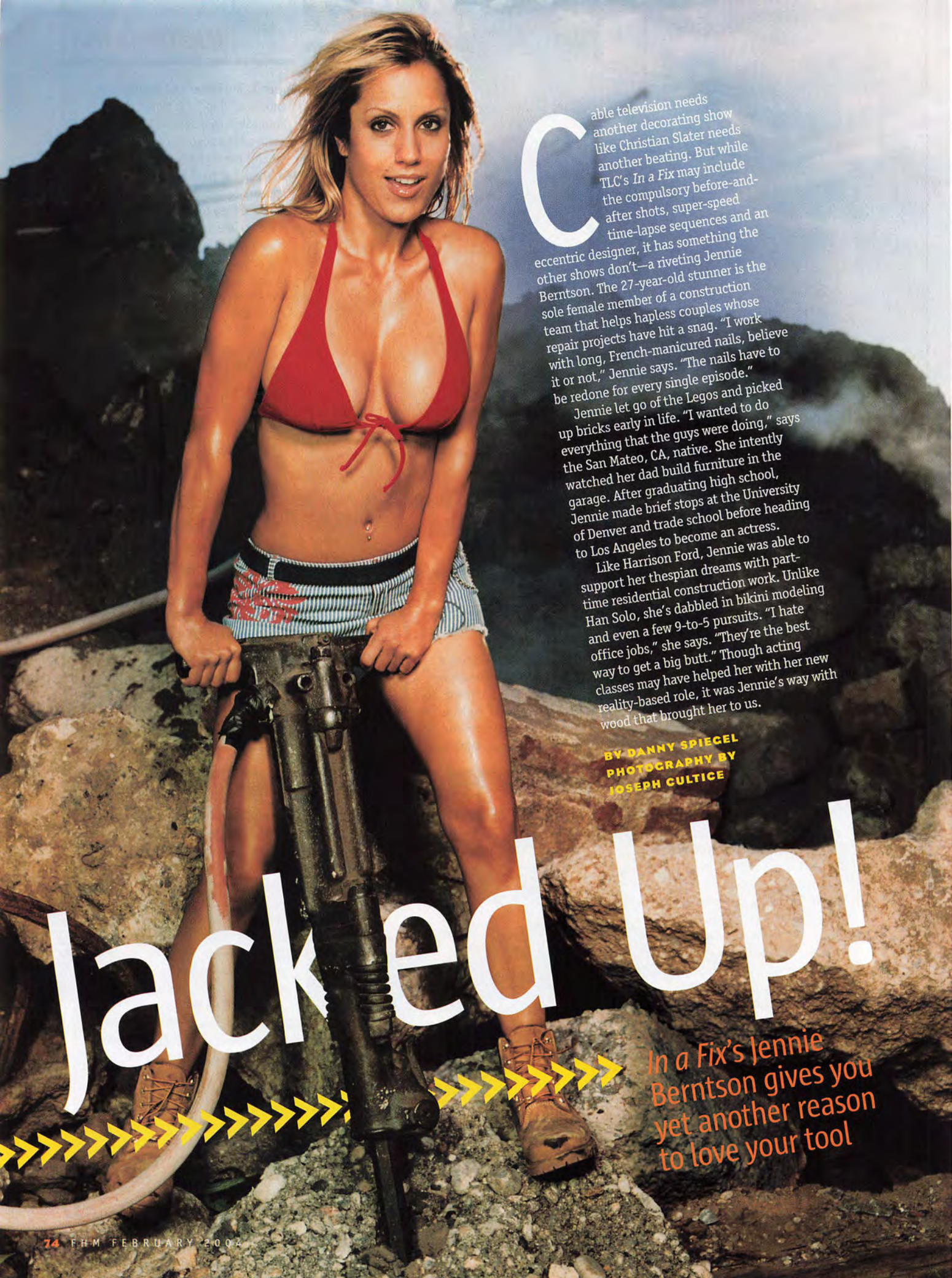
Although our man was never able to seal the deal on his excursions with Isaac, one inescapable conclusion can't be denied: The man's tricks really do work. Through his simple but sage advice, his previously slumping pupil went four-for-four in terms of having bona fide chances at loving. One question remains, however: Will Isaac's understudy be able to apply what he has learned?

At an optometrist's appointment a few weeks later, an opportunity for further testing presents itself. Namely, there's a hottie with striking blue eyes lingering nearby. And despite a large scarf draped over her shoulders, she can't disguise her smokin' bod. It's time to go freestyle.

Our trainee casually inquires where to purchase the scarf she's wearing for a fictional sister-in-law's birthday gift. A quick fashion lesson follows. "It's a pashmina," she says. He remains cool. "Never heard of that designer." She giggles and explains that it's the style of scarf, not a designer. And they're off!

She is browsing sunglasses and asks his opinion on a few. All is going smoothly until she asks a question about the mythical in-law's party. Our man looks confused and says, "What?" Her brow furrows. He freezes like Bambi's mom hearing a shotgun cock. "Wait, you were lying about yourself to hit on me?" Uh-oh, the jig is up.

While he frantically attempts damage control, she heads for the elevator with a pissed-off look on her face. As she hops in, she turns and offers a piece of advice: "If you lie to a girl before you even go out, why would she ever trust you?" The receptionist snickers and looks away, leaving our guy to mutter to himself, "Where the hell is Isaac when you need him?" **FHM**



Jacked Up!

In a Fix's Jennie Berntson gives you yet another reason to love your tool

BY DANNY SPIEGEL
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Cable television needs another decorating show like Christian Slater needs another beating. But while TLC's *In a Fix* may include the compulsory before-and-after shots, super-speed time-lapse sequences and an eccentric designer, it has something the other shows don't—a riveting Jennie Berntson. The 27-year-old stunner is the sole female member of a construction team that helps hapless couples whose repair projects have hit a snag. "I work with long, French-manicured nails, believe it or not," Jennie says. "The nails have to be redone for every single episode."

Jennie let go of the Legos and picked up bricks early in life. "I wanted to do everything that the guys were doing," says the San Mateo, CA, native. She intently watched her dad build furniture in the garage. After graduating high school, Jennie made brief stops at the University of Denver and trade school before heading to Los Angeles to become an actress.

Like Harrison Ford, Jennie was able to support her thespian dreams with part-time residential construction work. Unlike Han Solo, she's dabbled in bikini modeling and even a few 9-to-5 pursuits. "I hate office jobs," she says. "They're the best way to get a big butt." Though acting classes may have helped her with her new reality-based role, it was Jennie's way with wood that brought her to us.

JENNIE BERNTSON

I'm given the jack-hammer and then the guys sit down and watch

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If you and *Trading Spaces* host Paige Davis were duking it out to the death, who would win?
I was in a mud-wrestling contest once. I don't go down easily, so even if I'm dying, I'm still gonna win.
In situations like that, mud wrestling is always better than fisticuffs.
You know, actually, it wasn't mud—I have to be honest, it was chocolate pudding. And I *so* won! Even though she was bigger than me! I came off the stage, and I was hyperventilating and couldn't breathe. But I won the match. That's what's important.
When you're doing construction work, do you ever intimidate guys who know less than you do?
I remember one guy who seemed a little put off and would leave the house when I showed up to work for his wife. She was like, "Don't worry about it. If he did the work I had asked him to do, you wouldn't be here." But I've had some guys say, "We don't picture girls like you knowing how to do this stuff. You've just blown me away."
As the female construction worker on the show, do you get raunchy comments about power drills or jackhammers?
Well, I'm constantly bombarded with jokes about mammary glands. I'm often given the jackhammer and then they sit down and watch for some reason. Anything on the job site that requires me to jiggle up and down usually ends up going to me.
What are some of the more extreme reactions you've seen on the show after the work is done?
There was one couple—she wanted to get married, and he was procrastinating and saying the house was the reason. To our astonishment, he ended up proposing. Most of us were in tears because it was so romantic.
Anything else that made you cry?
I can tell you that I've walked into a few houses that I didn't think were suitable for animals in a barn. It's really amazing how some people, um . . . live. I don't want to hurt anyone's feelings because it's very intimate. We're coming into their

I was in a mud-wrestling contest once. I don't go down easily

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living space, good or bad.

What do you do to relax after swinging a hammer all day?

I enjoy hanging out with my friends and catching a movie.

Favorite movie?

The Lost Boys is my all-time favorite. I have a vampire fetish. That's a whole other story.

Please tell.

It's mysterious . . . as a child, I couldn't miss a Dracula movie. And I would always have dreams that I was the chosen one, the one who got to live forever. Then, getting older, it became more like, "Wow, it's kind of sexy, actually." The biting, the neck—it's kind of erotic. Let's just say there's been some role-play at some time. **FHM**

See more Jennie at **FHMUS.com**

COMEDIAN REDEMPTION!

BY JIMMY JELLINEK

They made a fortune spouting punch lines—before becoming one themselves. *FHM* caught up with four past comedy icons to relive the good old days, see what they're doing and give them a final shot at proving they're still funny

Pauly Shore

The height of fame

"I was in San Francisco on the Totally Pauly Tour. My manager had heard of this titty bar where you can actually fuck ass, so we invited the girls to the show. Backstage, one asked, 'What should we do?' As a goof, I said, 'You do her, and she'll do her, and you eat her.' And it just started going down. My road manager had three girls, and I got four."

The low point

"I wasn't too meticulous in my project choices. I got about $2 million for *Bio-Dome*. I got a Fox sitcom and didn't realize it was the wrong TV show to do. You have a team of executives who subliminally convince you it's a good thing. Later, I still wanted to perform, but the work wasn't there anymore."

The last laugh?

"I'm very fortunate that I never had an MC Hammer or Downey scenario. I'm very well off. Standup saved me. This weekend, I'm doing Orlando and West Palm, FL, and I'm going to make $60,000. People ask me, 'What happened?' but I'm living phat."

Prove you're still funny

"The people from *Celebrity Boxing* wanted me to fight Chyna. I'm like, 'I can't take on a whole country.' They're like, 'No, the wrestler.' And I'm like, 'I'll fuck her, not fight her.' If I'm going to do celebrity boxing, I want to fight someone who I want to beat the shit out of for real, like Carrot Top. It would be like, 'This is for all the AT&T commercials that you took from me.'"

Andrew "Dice" Clay

The height of fame

"Dice Mania started in '88. I was doing arenas in front of 18,000 people every other night. It was a blur. Every city was mania, from the press to the picketers outside. There would be women out there who would scream, 'He's demeaning!' And the faggots were also looking for their publicity. You dress in pink and suck dick, somebody's gonna make jokes—that's how I look at it."

The low point

"I got blackballed after I did *Ford Fairlane*. The studio was being attacked by all the different groups, like NOW, so they pulled the movie after a week. I was basically told, 'Go do your live performances, but you're too hot for us to handle right now.'"

The last laugh?

"I spoke to my father last night, and he goes, 'Isn't it amazing? Fifteen years later they're still just as insane for you. What do you do to these people?' My fans go crazy like Metallica is onstage. Maybe crazier."

Prove you're still funny

"The Siegfried and Roy thing—that's what everybody waited for at those shows. When you got some little faggot Tito teasing a tiger, something's bound to happen, you know? But now that it did, we're not allowed to talk about it. I don't want to do the whole routine, but Siegfried's got a new partner, a black guy—now it's Siegfried and Leroy."

Yakov Smirnoff

The height of fame

"In 1986, I was sworn in as an American citizen at the Statue of Liberty. I was already hot, but that was big. And I had my sitcom, *What a Country!* I had even made five movies by then."

The low point

"After the Soviet Union collapsed, David Letterman did a Top 10 List on 'Things That Will Change Now That the Soviet Union Is no Longer Around.' No. 1 was: 'Yakov Smirnoff will be out of work.' I thought that was funny, until little by little, the gigs started getting canceled."

The last laugh?

"I've developed material about being a father and a husband. I went from Red to redneck. Now I do two shows a day, six days a week in Branson, MO. We're sold out for the rest of the year. And you know, when a 1,400-seat theater fills up twice a day, it's pretty significant. Since I've been here, I've performed in front of 10 million people."

Prove you're still funny

"When a man and a woman go shopping at Bed Bath and Beyond, the woman goes crazy. 'Look at those curtains! They'd look so much better than the ones we have now in our bathroom!' And the man says, 'Um, we have curtains in the bathroom?' To men, a bathroom is just a library with a cold seat. That's why it's called Bed Bath and Beyond—how a woman can spend so much money on any bed and bath is beyond any man."

Jeff Foxworthy

The height of fame

"In 1996, I sold 4 million copies of my comedy album, got nominated for a Grammy, had a sitcom, had a *New York Times* bestselling book and was still doing 150 concerts a year. There wasn't a lot of downtime."

The low point

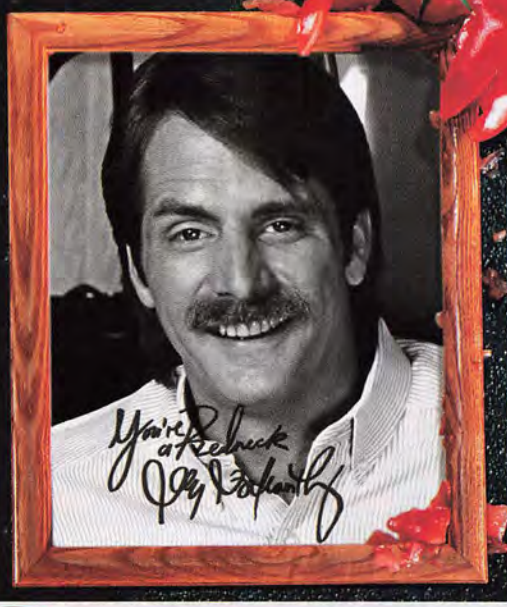
"At the end of every year, I thought, 'This is it. People are going to get tired of it.' Then when they canceled the sitcom, it became a deliberate decision. My wife and I were like, 'Let's go have a more normal life.'"

The last laugh?

"I've turned down three sitcoms this year because of the time requirement. I take my kids to school every day. I do my country countdown show, which airs on about 300 radio stations. I lease a plane. On Friday afternoons, I'll fly somewhere and perform for 5,000 people, then fly home and hang out with my kids until 4:30 on Saturday, when I fly out and do it again. I don't have to work, but I still love it. What else would you want?"

Prove you're still funny

"You worry about your kids doing drugs, but you also have to worry about your parents. Old people get stuff you'd have to go behind a Dumpster to buy. I'm at my mother-in-law's house with a sinus infection, and she'll give me a pill. Thirty minutes later, I can't feel my arms. She's going, 'Get up, you baby! I take four of those and go to the grocery store.' You're at the airport with her and she's like, 'Don't take a Percodan with a Darvocet.'" FHM



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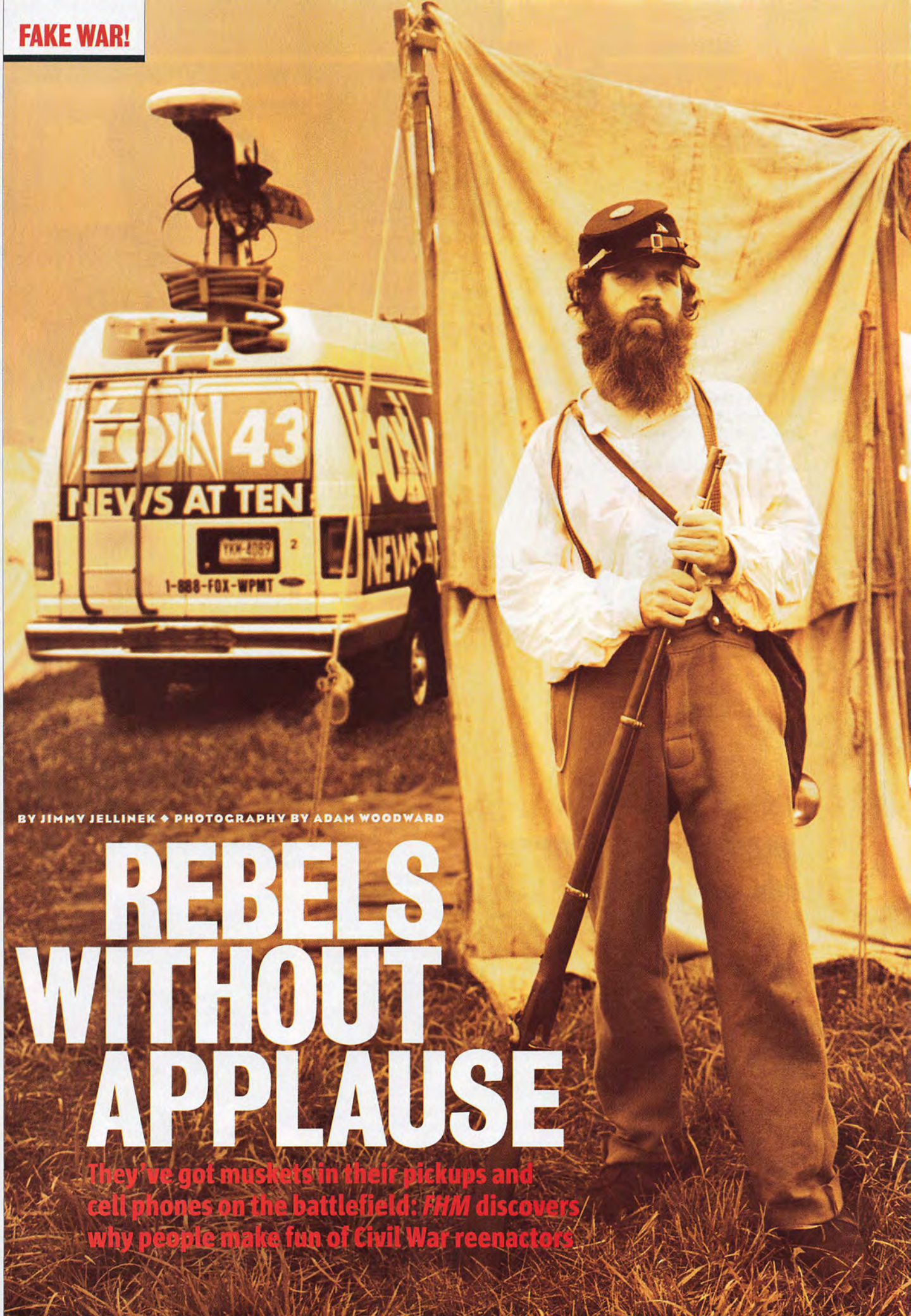

BY JIMMY JELLINEK ◆ PHOTOGRAPHY BY ADAM WOODWARD

REBELS WITHOUT APPLAUSE

They've got muskets in their pickups and cell phones on the battlefield: *FHM* discovers why people make fun of Civil War reenactors

"I'm hit!" cried Randall Sullivan, clutching his stomach and collapsing to the ground. "Corpsman!" he screamed. "Corpsman!" Hundreds of bodies were splayed on the battlefield. Sullivan tore at the soft ground, digging up clumps of dirt with his fingers. Advancing Confederate soldiers stepped over his convulsing body, bayonets pointed forward, charging through

Units often forget the battle plans

Since soldiers can choose when they stop running and die, it's the fat ones who take the first hits

thick smoke toward the enemy. But as Sullivan gasped in the throes of death, all he could think about was lunch. The fog of war can do horrible things to a man, but the unmistakable smell of steak sandwiches cooking at a nearby concession stand can do far worse.

Such is the life of a Civil War reenactor. One moment, you're having what they call "a period rush"—for a few brief moments, amid the chaos of almost-battle, you actually feel like it's 1863. But just as quickly that door can slam shut. It might be the ring of a cell phone, the smell of searing beef and cheese or the

THE REENACTMENT PROVES ACCURATE IN ONE FACET: THERE ARE FEW GIRLS TO BE SEEN

retarded kid watching from nearby bleachers who's wearing a Stone Cold Steve Austin T-shirt and chanting, "USA! USA!"

Approximately 40,000 Yankee and Rebel reenactors crisscross the lower U.S., attending upward of 40 fake battles per year. *FHM* has traveled to the largest of them all: the 140th anniversary of the Battle of Gettysburg. Over the course of an August weekend, 11,000 reenactors and 60,000 spectators gathered on a farm three miles from the Gettysburg battlefield and attempted to re-create the legendary battle. The organizers would have loved to have staged their event on the actual battlefield, but the federal government won't let them anywhere near it. They also would have liked to have staged the event closer to the July 3 anniversary, but their first attempt to reenact America's most defining military conflict was tragically stymied. Organizers had to call the battle off due to rain.

"This is about touching the past," explains Sullivan a half-hour after taking an imaginary bullet in the Friday morning battle that kicked off the weekend's events. He bites into the steak sandwich that had been calling to him on the battlefield and sends grease dripping down his wool uniform. A construction worker in Frederick, MD, Sullivan made the drive to Gettysburg in the air-conditioned comfort of his Ford F-150. "I listened to drum and fife music the whole way!" he says enthusiastically.

Abe Lincoln hid from the Girl Scouts

For authenticity, some soak coat buttons in urine

Once at the battle site, most of the men camp in white canvas tents meant to re-create the sleeping conditions of Civil War soldiers. Many are plush by 1863 standards, with carpeted interiors and full beds. Inside sleeps a very comfortable Confederate Army, some of whom chat on cell phones organizing their battle plans. Included in this mix is a fully dressed mountain man—clad in animal hide—and a Prussian officer with a faint resemblance to Colonel Klink from *Hogan's Heroes*. It looks like they showed up for the wrong reenactment. There's also an Abraham Lincoln walking around, a few months too early for the Gettysburg Address. Instead of fighting, he spends most of his time avoiding a troop of Girl Scouts who want a photograph. On top of all that, the battlefield boasts two Robert E. Lees and two General Custers, one of whom is referred to as Camaro Custer due to his gorgeous mullet and inability to ride a horse.

Perhaps the most remarked upon participant, however, is Mark Ballantine, a 37-year-old mortgage broker from Richmond, VA. He is dressed as a Confederate soldier. And he is black.

Asked what he is doing fighting for the Confederates, Ballantine rolls his eyes. "Maybe I'll just hold a press conference so people stop asking me," he says. "The Civil War wasn't

Mark Ballantine thinks it's normal to be a black Confederate

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about slavery, it was about states' rights. I still would've fought back then." But surely he understands why people are curious? "People see black out here and automatically think slave, but some blacks owned slaves," he explains. Throughout the event, other Confederate reenactors approach Ballantine to shake his hand or take his picture.

Adjacent to the tents sits a sort of Civil War–era strip mall called Sutler's Row. Among the booths, reenactors can buy everything from hand-sewn uniforms to bacon double cheeseburgers. One merchant even peddles Civil War–era pornography from the back of a tent that is supposed to display instructions on how to perform amputations with a saw. When asked for a coveted shot of a portly 1860s matron with a fan shoved up her ass, the merchant shifts around nervously, then opens a book of photos that would make even the most hardened soldier blush.

Since many of the participants insist on existing in an earlier time period for the duration of the weekend, the poor concessionaires must contend with a number of strange requests. "Might I trouble you for a sarsaparilla, ma'am?" a middle-aged Confederate asks at a bottled-water booth. "I have a mighty thirst and the sun is right

SOLDIERS DIE WHEN THEY DON'T FEEL LIKE RUNNING AROUND IN THE SUN ANYMORE

hot." Snapping her gum, the proprietress has no idea how to react. "They keep asking for stuff I don't have," she says after the group leaves. "Don't they realize this isn't real?"

The reenactment does prove historically accurate in one facet: There are few girls to be seen. "And the ones who are here, their parents made them come and they want to hang themselves," says 37-year-old Shawn Morrow. Despite his complaints, Morrow seems to be the main attraction for the battle's small group of available period-loving ladies. "I had one girlfriend who would start fingering herself the moment I put the uniform on,"

Booths on Sutler's Row sold everything from bacon double cheeseburgers to Civil War–era pornography

MILITARY FASHION POLICE

If looks could kill, would these Confederate reenactors be authentic soldiers?

Civil War Fashion Tribunal

Henry Roth Judge on *Style Court* on the Style Network

Robert Lee Hodge Legendary reenactor

LITTLE DRUMMER BOY
Roth Sackcloth pants are going to give you plenty of room, especially around the royal lineage area, and that pea-coat look just got a new twist. Boots that lace up are now, but leave the drum out of it.
Hodge **This youngster looks all right, except for the modern drum. Cheer up, kid, the reenactment will be over soon.**

THE KHAKI SOLDIER
Roth Straw hats spell straw head. Don't even think about wearing one. Satchels should be flung in front of the body.
Hodge **Lighter hues make him stand out as a clean Rebel—not good! He would have been marching for miles. Show me the dirt! And the straw hat has to go. That style might be right for the Amish, but not for Johnny Reb.**

MAJOR GUT
Roth Grandpa shirts are back, checked, flannel and fab, and pants are always flat-fronted. Cigars are also back, but good luck finding a legal place to smoke one.
Hodge **Dump the glasses. Dump the suspenders. Dump the stogie and put in chaw. Dump at least 30 pounds. In fact, dump it all and start from scratch.**

ARMY URCHIN
Roth Sweater jackets make you adultlike and the girls will love the checked shirts that add gruffness to your look. And way to scowl! It's the new smile.
Hodge **Now here we go! Nice torn trousers. Nice dirt. But he needs to shed a few pounds. It only gets worse as you get older—trust me.**

Styrofoam cups: not authentic

Confederates love their pickup trucks

Devoted reenactors stage secret battles

Honest Abe motored in for the reenactment—even though he wasn't actually at the Battle of Gettysburg

admits the Confederate Casanova from Loysville, PA. "I don't know why. She just loved it." Another begged Morrow to bring other reenactors to an old barn she wanted to burn while reenacting a *Gone With the Wind* gangbang fantasy. "I never got around to doing it," he admits.

All weapons are checked before each of the weekend's six skirmishes, which collectively re-create the Battle of Gettysburg. Muskets and artillery are supposed to be loaded only with gunpowder, so there are bangs, but no flying bullets. Theoretically, this should alleviate the need for bothersome, yet admittedly historically accurate, field amputations. The weapons check has seemed necessary since the 134th anniversary reenactment, after a soldier lost most of his right hand when a clogged Mountain Howitzer exploded as he was fiddling with it. A year later, a French Civil War buff accidentally loaded up a live round and shot a Confederate in the neck. In case there are anymore accidental maimings, groups are encouraged to purchase "unit insurance" before taking the field of make-believe battle.

When the Union and Confederate soldiers finally do clash, it's in a broad valley. A massive set of grandstands, which can hold 10,000 people, gives spectators a pristine view of the action. The idea is to accurately reenact the skirmishes as they happened on and around July 3, 1863. Unfortunately, most of the soldiers on the field have no idea what they're doing, so the battle plans often mutate.

Cell phones and bottled water make war easier

"Everybody's running around doing their own thing," says Bill Holschuh, the publisher of the *Camp Chase Gazette*, which acts as the voice of Civil War reenacting. "It looks less like Pickett's Charge and more like a bunch of guys lost in a field." The main problem lies in getting soldiers to die. Fifty thousand men were either killed or wounded in the Battle of Gettysburg, but the reenactors fare far better. It's a lot like *The A-Team*—

Muskets fire gunpowder but no bullets

lots of shooting with nobody actually getting hit. Since no real bullets are fired, the soldiers die when they feel like it, or at least when they don't feel like running around in the sun anymore.

"All the fat guys die first," points out Morrow, with a tinge of disgust. A quick survey of the battlefield proves his point: Most of the early casualties are of the well-fed variety. "Nobody looked like that in 1863," Morrow says. "If you look at pictures from the time, these people were starving with gaunt faces and bony frames." He grunts with disgust. "They certainly didn't look like that tub of shit," he says, pointing toward a dying, supersized Confederate who seems in danger of exploding out of his authentic, hand-stitched wool trousers.

"That's not dignified," Morrow says, watching the porker squeal. "You don't need to make a scene. Death is all in the way you position your body." Lying flat on his back with his arms spread and his body slack, Morrow executes a laudable corpse impression. "You have to study the battlefield photographs," he says. Morrow insists the key to properly imitating the war dead involves puffing out your chest and

Failing to understand exactly who was fighting, one spectator cheered, "USA! USA!"

The field accommodated 11,000 soldiers

twisting your face into a combination of surprise and lifelessness.

Although most of the current crop of soldiers seems fairly clueless about even basic Civil War practices,

IT LOOKS LESS LIKE PICKETT'S CHARGE AND MORE LIKE A BUNCH OF GUYS LOST IN A FIELD

there is a group of elite reenactors who spend years perfecting what they call "their impression." The process entails poring over battlefield accounts and period photographs to learn not only what the soldiers wore, but also how they looked, talked, ate and crapped. (Although in a concession to modern sensibilities, today's soldiers aren't allowed to dig a hole and pop a squat. Hundreds of Porta Potties dot the site, even though they're barely big enough to fit the larger soldiers or their wives, whose dresses must be squeezed inside.) Devout reenactors follow strict diets throughout the year to maintain the gaunt look of a Civil War–era soldier and bring only the most basic of provisions to the reenactments. Some men go as far as soaking their buttons in urine to get the accurate weathered look.

Anyone displaying less than 100 percent authenticity is dismissed as a "Farb," a term that has become shorthand for the phrase, "Far be it from me to criticize inauthentic uniforms, but. . . ." Gettysburg is thought of as a "Farb Fest" by hardcore reenactors, most of whom show up only to hawk stuff in Sutler's Row.

The reigning king of reenactment is Robert Lee Hodge, the focal point of the Pulitzer Prize–winning book *Confederates in the Attic*. Hodge has watched his passion turn into a sideshow. "It's like a zoo and we're the animals," he says. In response, Hodge has taken the hobby underground, inviting only the most dedicated participants to off-the-map reenactments. "It's an elite clique of guys," he says. "It's secret phone calls and a barn and field in the middle of nowhere." Hodge and friends will sleep outside in trenches during the winter, freezing their balls off and eating fatback pork. There are no spectators, concessions or grandstands. Instead, the focus remains solely on stepping back in time, hoping that getting closer to authentic circumstances will get them closer to the past. Hodge calls the experience of becoming one with history a "wargasm."

Units carry insurance to cover mishaps

Reenactors will visit up to 40 battles a year

Hoop skirts barely fit in the Porta Potties

By Saturday evening, the Battle of Gettysburg has really started to suck. "I'm going to kill myself if I have to stay one hour longer," says Morrow, who's desperate for a slice of pizza and a beer.

Boredom seems to have also infected a group of 20-something soldiers representing the Sixth Louisiana Company G. They've kept the strictest of discipline all weekend, cooking over an open fire and fining any member caught swearing. But with the event winding down, they've concentrated all their attention on using their leftover gunpowder to blow up a wasp nest. "Come on, I haven't gotten to fire my weapon yet," one soldier whines. Four muskets ram into the nest, which is covered two inches thick in blasting powder.

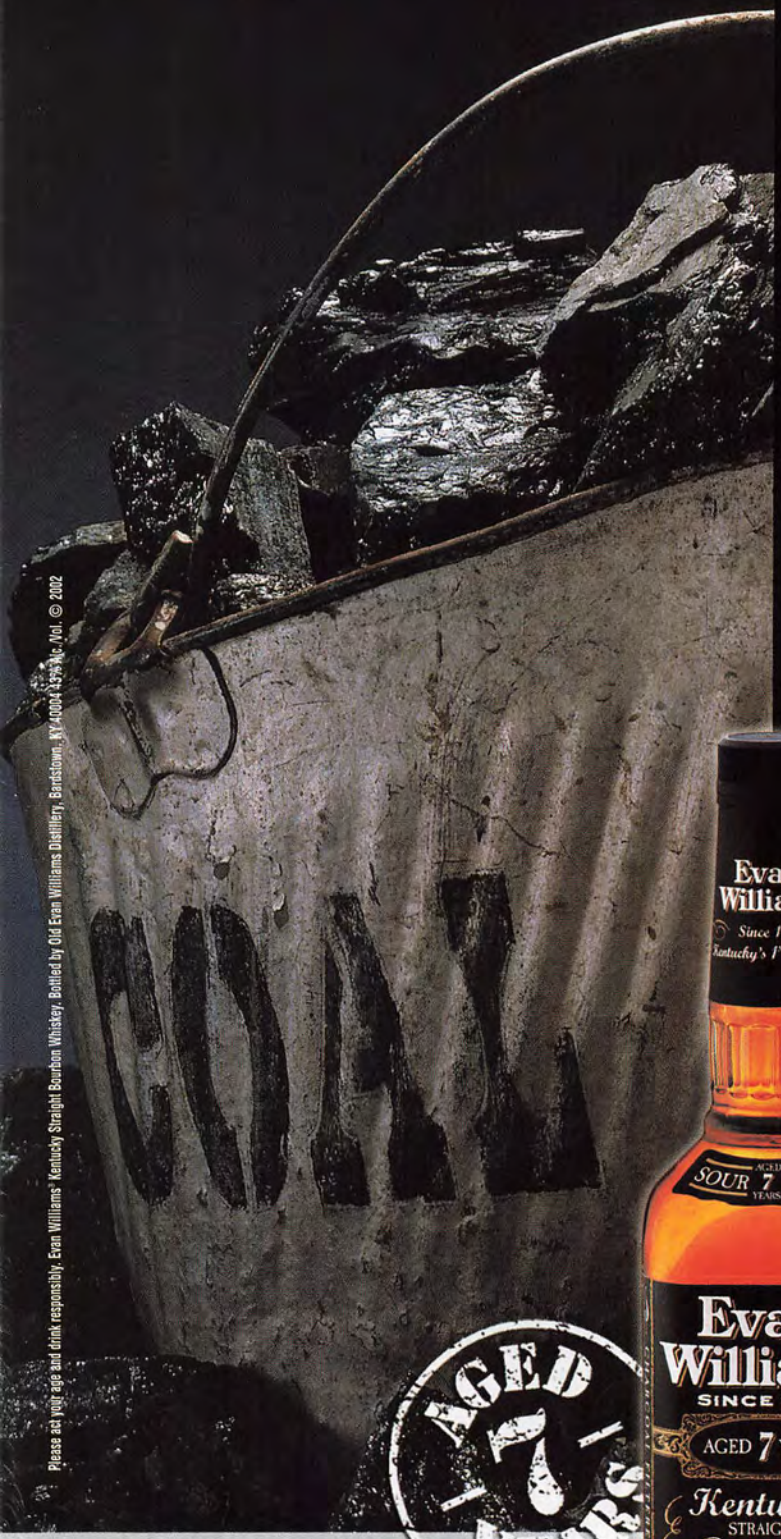
"We're all going to get bit," yells the company's 21-year-old sergeant Mack McMichael. But it's too late.

A loud bang is followed by a rush of angry wasps. Reenactors frantically scatter, trying not to get stung. McMichael merely shrugs his shoulders. "That's the way it goes, I suppose," he says. Then he walks off to buy a soda. **FHM**

Accurately re-creating conditions can give soldiers a "wargasm"

Before Aging

After Aging



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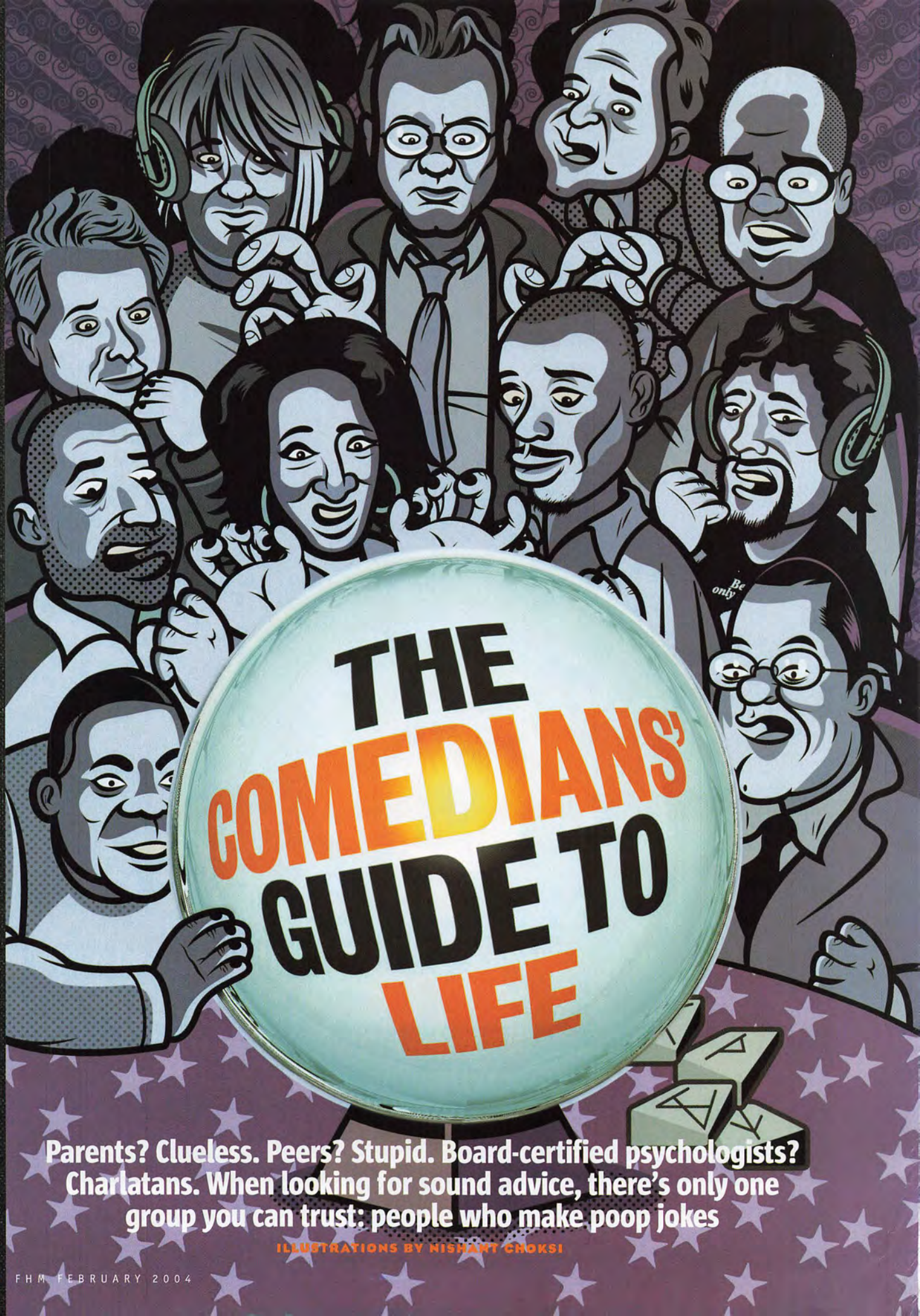

THE COMEDIANS' GUIDE TO LIFE

Parents? Clueless. Peers? Stupid. Board-certified psychologists? Charlatans. When looking for sound advice, there's only one group you can trust: people who make poop jokes

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How to manage your rage

BY LEWIS BLACK

Muzzle yourself around authority
This took me a long time to learn. When you're dealing with your boss who's an idiot, don't say, "Jesus, I didn't realize what a *jackass* you were until this moment." You'd think he'd be comfortable in his authority, so that couldn't possibly disturb him, but he's not. Statements like that can throw him off his game.

Find opportunities to vent
A good time to scream is when you're stuck with a computerized voice on the phone and can't get through to a live person. Shriek something like, "I'm *bleeding*! I think I'm *dying*! The blood won't stop. It's coming from an unspecified place. I didn't know it could come from there. Is there anything you can do to help me? *Will you turn off the music and speak to me?*"

Be kind to counter jockeys
When you're at a place where you're being screwed, like an airport, do not shout directly at the person behind the counter. You'll get a sense of satisfaction, but you won't get on that plane. Instead, take your anger and turn it into *sucking up*. Say, "I can't believe that uniform all the employees wear looks so terrific on *you*." That will get you what you want.

Punish the television
Back when Nixon was elected, I watched the news coverage while getting drunk with a group of people. The rule was, if your state voted for Nixon, you had to go over and pee on the TV. Then, after they announced Nixon's final victory, I actually climbed on top of the television and took a dump on it. That's a very good way to get rid of your anger. I think it's also very creative.

Lewis Black: Unleashed ***is available at www.lewisblack.net.***

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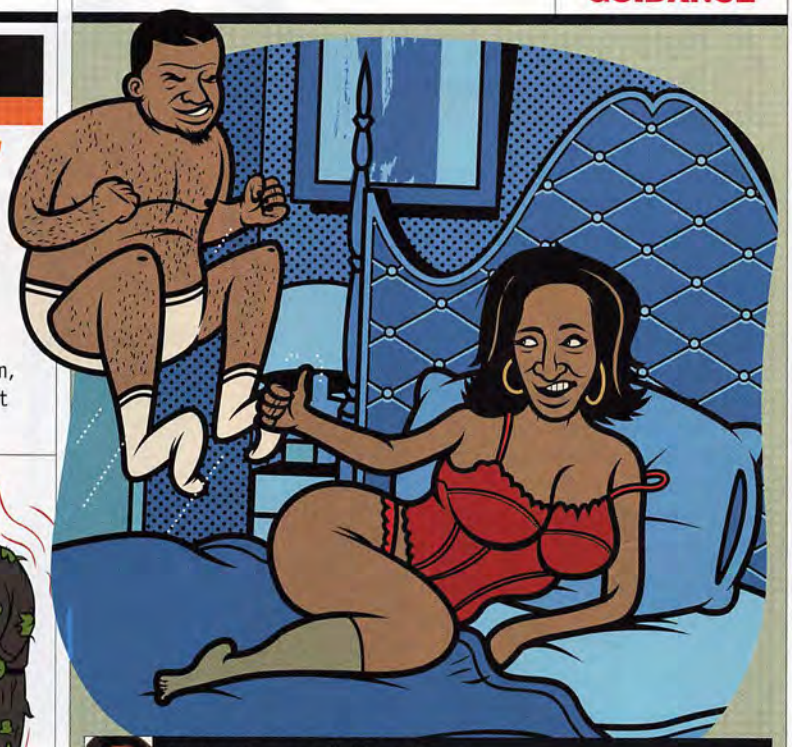

How to seal the deal

BY WANDA SYKES

When you're out, you won't be able to tell which woman will let you take her home simply by the way she's dressed. Even if we're not looking for a man, a woman will put on a sexy outfit just to piss off other women who are looking. We're running interference. It's like, "Girl, you thought you were getting laid tonight? Watch this shit. I got a man at home, but I'm still going to ruin your fun!"

When you finally start talking to a woman, remember that we like to be complimented. But don't say something like, "Hey, great rack! You have some big-ass titties!" That's over the line. We end up thinking, "What a dick. I appreciate that he admires my breasts, but damn, couldn't he have finessed it a little?"

Understand that we love to talk, so if a woman's actually quiet for a minute and lets you get some words in, that's a good sign. Say something funny. After you get the laughter, you'll notice a period of silence. She's thinking about how she's going to screw you later on that night. She's going, "Hmm, let me see. I don't know if I should go doggy-style yet; maybe I'll just do the standard missionary position. Yeah, make him think I'm a sweet, old-fashioned girl."

Once she's decided to sleep with you, you need to shut up and ride the wave, because all you can do after that is fuck it up. If you take her back to your place, make sure you've already cleaned the bathroom. Letting a woman see toothpaste all over the mirror and pee on the toilet seat is not good. Women walk in and are like, "What the hell man? *CSI* should be in here." If a guy's bathroom is dirty, she wonders what she's going to find on *him*.

And put away that big jar of lotion. She knows your skin's not that dry. It makes her think of you in your socks and a T-shirt whacking off. That's not a pretty visual.

Very important, guys: If you think it's going to be a one-night stand and you just want to hit it and quit it, then set that shit up. Before you get naked, mention that you have to do something in the morning. That way, when you leave, you can say, "I told you I had to leave." I suggest a cousin's death. Nobody can be mad at you for going to a funeral.

Wanda Sykes's DVD Tongue Untied *is available now.*

How to be popular

BY DAVID CROSS

Popular people are the shit. They smile more broadly than unpopular people. They age more gracefully and are more likely to invent something useful. Also, cancer does not affect anyone popular (fact!). If you're not popular, you should frantically try to change that. Luckily, there are some basic steps to take. Here are just a few of the more obvious ones:

Do your job poorly so others outshine you. Become the Mendoza Line of mediocrity. Your co-workers will

learn they can easily rise above you, thus looking good to the boss. Result? They'll want you around.

Have a big dick. Make sure people know about it, too, but in a cool way, not in a Milton Berle way. I learned a trick from some gay friends: Rub bleach on the side of your jeans where you hang. This will slightly fade the cloth, so people's eyes are drawn to it. It makes it look as if your pants can barely hold so much cock!

Your attire can also pump up your popularity. Wrap yourself in an American flag. For an accessory, carry a big cross that's really weighty. Don't be afraid to approach people and say, "Little help? Little help?"

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Also, be an Olympic gold medalist. That's kind of self-explanatory. All you have to do is get in the Olympics and win a gold medal.

Here's an easy tip: Whenever you go to a bar, pretend to know the bartender. Call him Joey. If his name actually *is* Joey, you're fucking golden. If his name isn't Joey, pretend that it's his nickname, and then tip 1,000 percent. For example, if the drink is $7, give him $70. If you really want to work it, say, "Oh, I'm sorry, did I give you $70 for a $7 drink?" He'll

start to slide the money back to you, but that's when you pass him another $30 and say, "My bad, I meant to give you $100."

Finally, whenever you're around new people, try not to shit yourself.

David Cross's DVD Let America Laugh *is available now.*

How to talk to strangers

BY DAVE ATTELL

For most people, it's very hard to talk to strangers because from childhood we're taught not to. We start to do it these days, and in our head, we're chastised by the voice of our mother or one of her boyfriends. Approaching strangers is even harder for me, because people often look at me and assume I'm either a terrorist or a porn director. Over time, I've learned that there's a special art to talking to strangers.

Though it's often frowned upon in other parts of society, profiling really does work when choosing conversation partners. If you see a guy wearing rags with an empty tampon box on his head, he probably *is* psychotic, and you probably shouldn't talk to him. Crazy people aren't as fun as they look in movies. They're not all math geniuses like in *A Beautiful Mind*. You have to be careful not to start a conversation you can't finish. For example, if you say, "How about that weather today?" He may go, "Yeah, I know. I control it with my eyebrow." Now, you're really out of your realm. You're looking at a good two hours of smiling and head nodding. You're going to spend a lot of time hoping this guy doesn't have a box cutter or a hammer.

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In any situation, there are some things you can use as a conversation starter, like walking around with a baby. People assume that if you have a child, you're at least together enough as a person to take care of another form of life. With that in mind, if someone says, "Oh, what a beautiful child," it's important that you not reply, "Well, want to buy it?"

It looks so easy in the movies when a guy meets a girl in a bar by saying, "Can I buy you a drink?" In real life, women don't fall for any of that stuff. They don't want you to buy them a drink. If anything, they want you to buy them coke. Or maybe listen to their demo tape for *American Idol*. As a rule, forget about approaching any girls in bars, because any woman who talks to you in a bar is probably a dude. So just drink.

A special one-hour Insomniac With Dave Attell *premieres January 12 on Comedy Central.*

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How to imitate anyone

BY DARRELL HAMMOND

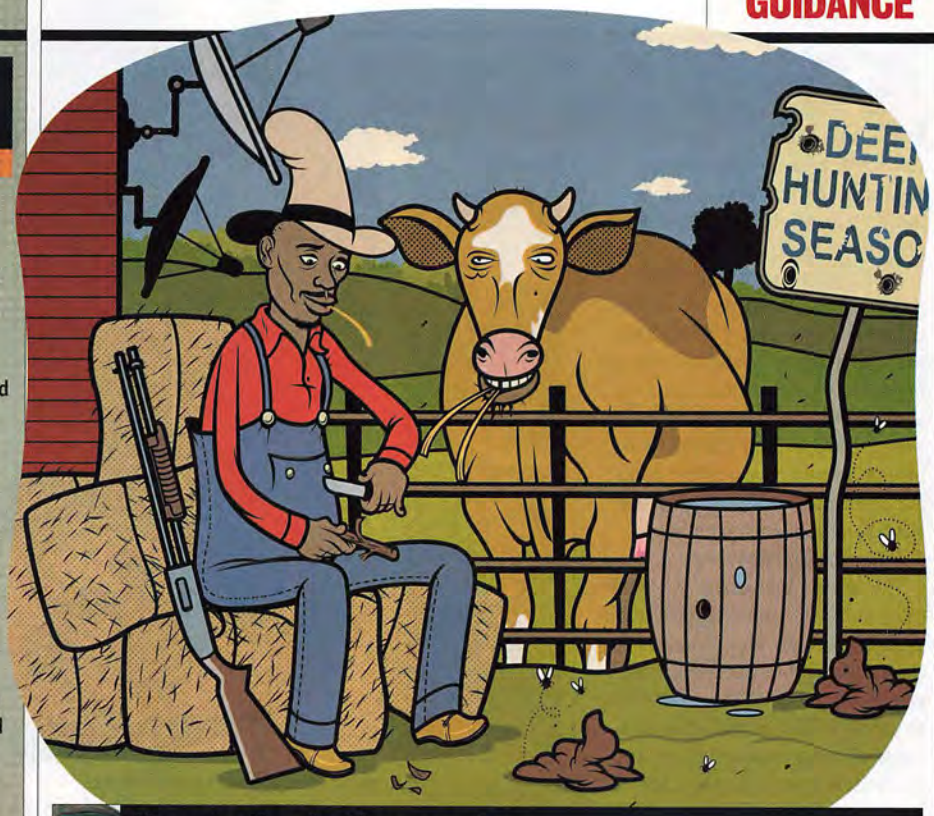
When I was growing up, my friends and I did impressions to pass the time while we were waiting for the legal drinking age or our first sexual experience. Since then, I've done 96 people on *Saturday Night Live*, and every single one of them I had to learn in two or three days. I developed this system where I look for where they are from, how old they are and if they have a speech irregularity. If you're really lucky, they'll have a speech impediment, because that gets you halfway there. Then you pick up a couple of hand gestures.

The best way to get a handle on someone is to find a tape of them angry. When people get angry, they get crystal clear. They become more themselves. It sometimes also works to look at them when they're drunk.

All people pronounce their consonants with roughly the same sounds. Our vocal personalities are heard in the vowels. And older people lose resonance. Watch a tape of Ronald Reagan when he's 35 and then when he's 76. It's the same voice, but it's crackling now. When I learned Donald Rumsfeld, I learned a young Henry Fonda and then put age in it. Fonda was the closest voice I could find that I could hook into.

You need to find out what makes your subject human, then italicize it. When I started Sean Connery for those *Jeopardy* sketches, I went for accuracy. Then we began goofing around, saying things like, "I'll take *titties* for $600." That's way over the top and yet, it's what people responded to. Whatever Connery was before is barely existent now that I've stretched him out of shape. Still, you know your impression is right when people start laughing.

Darrell Hammond can be seen weekly on Saturday Night Live.



How to live in the country

BY DAVE CHAPPELLE

If I miss homeless people, winos or rapists, I watch *Law & Order*

Take up line dancing

When I first moved my family to a farm in Ohio, I noticed that the sign by my house was riddled with shotgun holes. I'm not going to lie, I was a little nervous about that. It was deer season, and you know how black people often get mistaken for deer. To fit in, I've taken up line dancing—I'm currently working on my Achy-Breaky.

Fill your day

I get up at 8 o'clock at the latest, sit on the porch, drink my coffee and whittle until lunch. After that, I'll break out my corncob pipe. Milking cows is also pretty fun. Your inclination would be to pull on the titty, but don't you do that! Just squeeze it gently. Caress it. It feels like the same thing you've done every night since puberty.

Learn the local customs

To make sure I'm understood when I'm talking to country folk, I'll speak their way: "Y'all, I'm fixin' to go to the sto'." It makes them feel more comfortable. And there's not much use for suede shoes here. You look crazy with nice kicks, so I started dressing shitty. I wear a whole lot of denim and other things I don't mind stepping in horseshit in. In Ohio, that happens all the time.

Buy firearms

Nobody gets mugged in the country. You'd really have to try hard to have it happen, and chances are you'd know your assailant if it did. "Hello, police? Yeah, Dave mugged me." Everyone in the neighborhood has a gun, though, so I joined the arms race. I mean, I don't hunt or anything. I've eaten deer and I wasn't that fond of it, but if I could shoot a cow, I'd eat it.

Keep in touch with the outside world

I constantly monitor the progress of society from the comforts of my own home. I have the best digital cable available in the Ohio Valley, a PlayStation 2 *and* Xbox and I'm quite Internet savvy. And if I miss homeless people, winos, rapists or pedophiles, I'll watch *Law & Order* or *Oz*. There's always something that reminds you how good it is to be in the country.

The new season of* Chappelle's Show *debuts January 21 on Comedy Central.

How to horrify a loved one

BY PENN & TELLER

This magic trick requires no real sleight of hand. Anyone can do it. David Blaine could do it while being pelted with eggs.

First, go to a restaurant that has those individual servings of coffee creamer—all the classy places have them, like Denny's. Hold the tiny tub in your left hand, with the top (the paper side) toward your little finger. Keep your hand on the table, then pick up a fork with your right hand and start monkeying with your eye. Maybe pull your bottom lid down, nothing fancy, just monkey.

The person you're with will think, "Hey, this nut is monkeying with his eye. This could be fun." Once you have the attention that you crave, bring your left hand (with the creamer) up to your eye, kind of like a fake telescope with the creamer top out and the bottom toward your eye. She won't notice that you have something in your hand; she'll be looking at the fork, that's where she thinks the fun is. Now you do three things at once:

1) Stick the fork into the end of your fist and puncture the creamer top.
2) Squeeze the creamer.
3) Scream like a motherfucker.

That's all. People will be horrified because it looks like you've just punctured your eye and gunk has shot out. (If you had really punctured your eye, the gunk wouldn't be white, but no one thinks that fast.) This is a great trick when you're out with a group of guys. It's an even better trick to use on a date because of the white-gunk subtext.

STEP ONE

STEP TWO

STEP THREE

Penn & Teller perform nightly at the Rio All-Suite Hotel & Casino in Las Vegas.

WARNING

If you're stupid enough to really poke your fucking eye out doing this trick, please don't blame us. If you feel there's any chance of you really hurting yourself, just do the sponge-bunny routine from your Lance Burton Junior Magic Kit and leave us the fuck out of it, OK?
Sincerely, Penn & Teller

How to keep it real

BY TRACY MORGAN

Focus on your kids

Things won't go to your head as long as you're worried about keeping your kids fed. You know the ends on a loaf of bread? I eat my hotdogs on those. That's real.

Eat your wife's cooking

You save your appetite for your woman—don't eat that bullshit out in the street. When you get home, you lick the plate after you've eaten seconds and that's instant gratification. That's what keeps your marriage real. My moms taught my wife how to cook. She was like, "Let me tell you something, girl. The pussy can be good, but if you don't know how to cook, he ain't going to come home. Pussy gets played out after a while, but if you know how to make a good sandwich, that motherfucker will be home."

Stay spiritual

You gotta pray. Just like MC Hammer said, "Pray today." Keep close with God and he's going to keep good things close to you. I holla out to my boy just to say what's up. I'm like, "G-O-D, what's the deal?" He'd be like this in heaven, "I'm all right. I'm just chillin' up here with Moses and Noah." And I'm like, "Tell Jesus to call me on my cell." You know God's got a cell. When I got to L.A., God picked me up at the airport. He's got a cherry-red Escalade.

When I got to L.A., God picked me up at the airport

Remember your granny

Your grandparents were always there. Grandpa teaches you how to fix a TV. He gives you your first taste of beer. Your grandmother has the big, flabby grandma arms and the 64-inch titties that you lie on. That's Grandpa and Grandma. I'm going to set them both up lovely in Florida. That's why I'm funny, to take care of the people that took care of me. Marriage. Family. Staying together. That's keeping it real.

The Tracy Morgan Show *airs Tuesdays on NBC.*

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How to piss off your boss

BY OPIE & ANTHONY

EXCLUSIVE! THEIR FIRST INTERVIEW ABOUT BEING CANNED!

OPIE This is how you piss off your boss: You ignore him.

ANTHONY When your boss doesn't know what you do or how you make it work, you can't listen to his input. I don't know how well it would work for your career in other lines of work, but in radio, if you ignore your boss, you're going places. First you're going out the door, but after that, you're going places.

O When we got fired in Boston, all our enemies thought they had the last laugh. Then we doubled our salaries in New York and got syndicated by Infinity Broadcasting.

A Things happened in New York that we couldn't talk about on the air. There was one time we almost got fired closer than we ever got almost fired before. We were called in from vacation and yelled at by Mel Karmazin, one of the big muckety-mucks at Viacom, which owns Infinity Broadcasting.

O He made us wait in a conference room for forever. To the point where our balls were sweating.

A The first thing he said to us was, "What time do you wake up in the morning and decide how you are going to fuck Mel Karmazin?" He was angry because another on-air personality from Infinity had complained we'd been touching on his personal life. Even though this person had built a career out of touching on other people's personal lives. But when you touched on *his* personal life, he ran to Mel Karmazin.

O I saw it in Karmazin's eyes. He wanted to fire us that day.

A As most people know, our show was later taken off the air when a couple participating in our yearly Sex for Sam contest was accused of having sex in St. Patrick's Cathedral.

O The contest had people go all over New York to have sex in public places. There was a point system depending on where you went. The first year, we put our program director's office on the list.

A Sex on his couch was 20 points, I believe.

O And there was also the two-point conversion for anal sex.

A There was a year when a team won purely on the two-point conversion. What an exciting finish.

The couple then had anal sex on our boss's leather couch

O Near the end of the first contest, a couple went into his office with one of our guys, Psycho Mark. Then one of our lower bosses saw them and started pounding on the office glass. We could hear it on the air. But Psycho Mark said, "Oh, just do it."

A The couple then proceeded to have anal sex on our boss's leather couch. There was a big to-do about insubordination. Psycho Mark got fired for that. We have something in common with him—we too were fired over a Sex for Sam controversy.

O I can't help but think if the couple had sex in a mosque, we would have gotten a raise. That would have been a patriotic thing to do for the country.

A The bosses really get you with your contract. We can get them with hijinks, but in the end, when they pull out the paper you signed, ouch. There are some contractual things that we really can't discuss that are keeping us off the air.

O I think we have to give up our firstborn, and then we can get back on the air and do what we love. I tried to read our contract before signing it, but by the fifth page, I was dizzy. It had to be six inches high. And we had a show to do that day. Who has the time? We learned about the clause that's keeping us from working for anyone else after we got fired.

A We're idiots. Simple as that. Everyone asks, "What are you doing?" You go, "Really, nothing." And they say, "But you're getting paid?" "Well, yeah." "Oh, well that must be great."

O For a few months it's awesome. Then you realize you're the only one not working. I swear to you, I play golf with guys who are over 65 on a weekly basis. I'm also going to the gym five times a week. It's me and all the new mothers trying to lose their pregnancy bunts. I have some life.

A We take it as a compliment to our talent and destructive ability that they want to tie us up for so long. It's sort of a tribute to the potential that we have to wreak havoc. We talked to Comedy Central about doing *The Man Show* when Adam Carolla and Jimmy Kimmel left. Then we found out we couldn't even do that. It's been 17 months, but we're in the homestretch. The deal ends in June and there's still a shitload of people clamoring to hear us on the air.

O I wonder who our next boss is going to be.

A He's out there somewhere right now, unsuspecting. FHM

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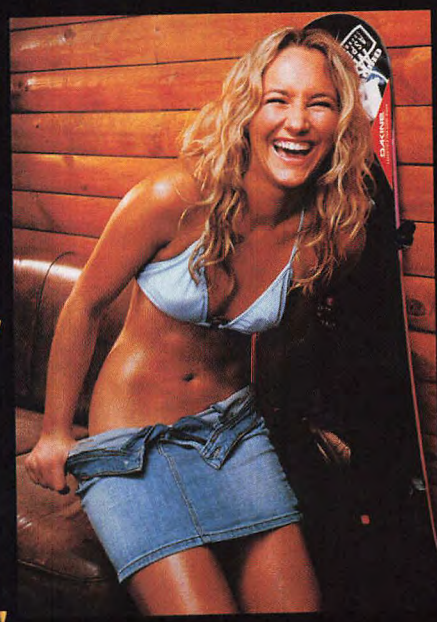
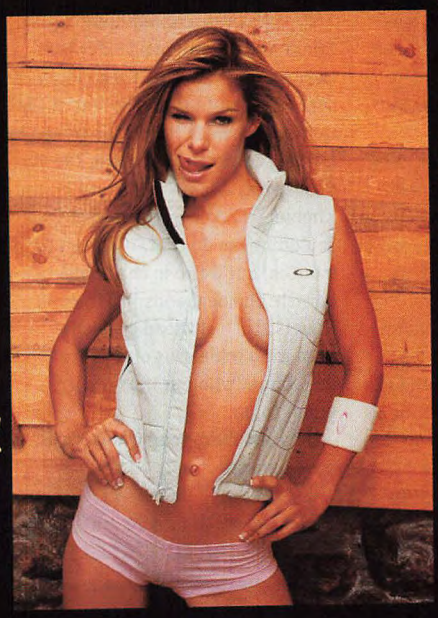




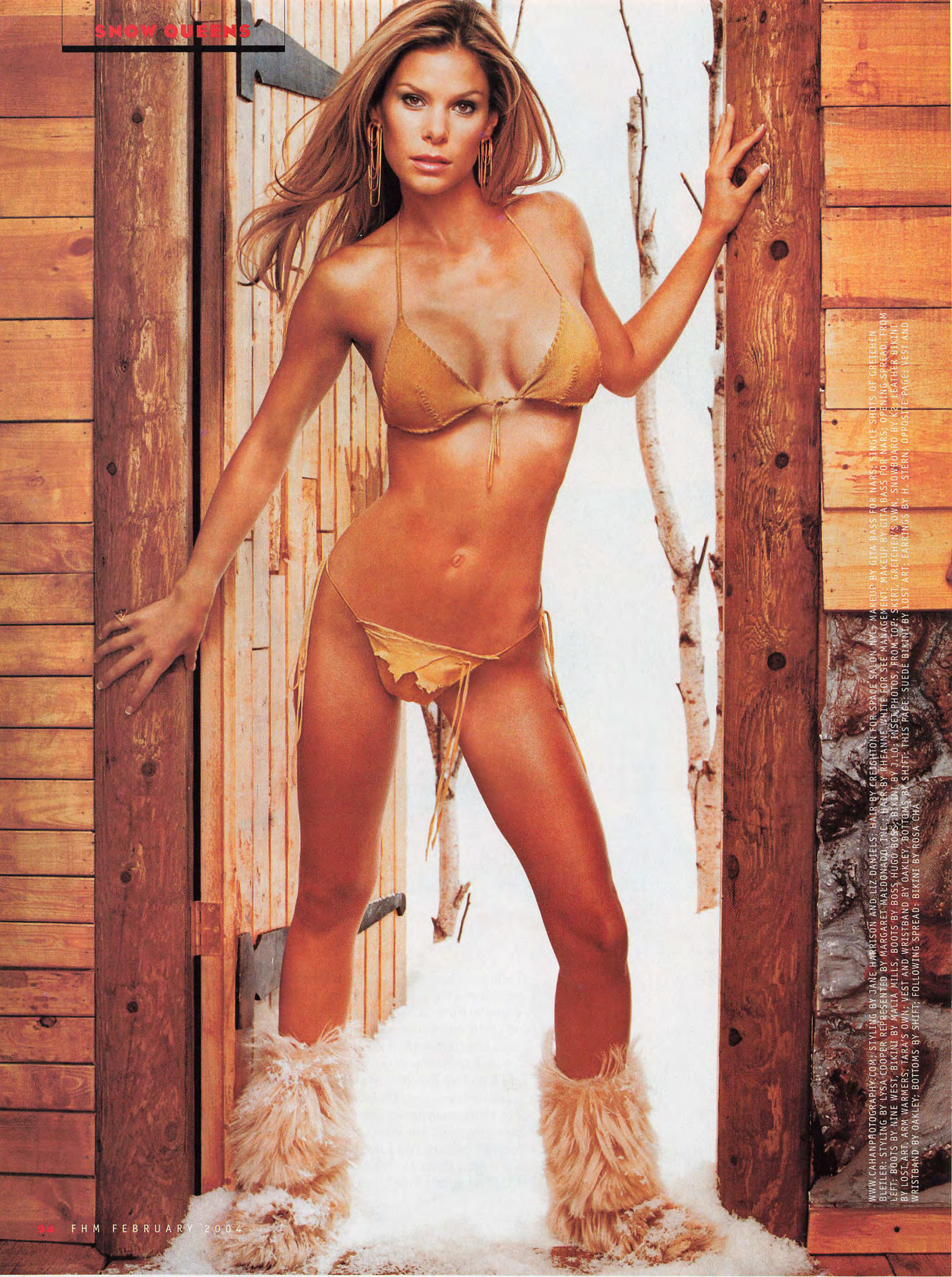
BY SHANTI SOSIENSKI ◆ PHOTOGRAPHY BY ERIC CAHAN

The X Girls

Nothing warms up winter like the X Games' scorching snow bunnies

There was a time when we thought Pamela Anderson was the only woman who could defy gravity. Then ESPN generously began delivering the Winter X Games to our living rooms. Now, once a year, we get to watch gorgeous women perform death-defying athletic maneuvers that would make Sir Isaac Newton spin in his grave.

Since the cold weather forces the athletes to bundle up like high-tech mummies, we offered the stars of the games a chance to join us in the lodge for a more intimate chat. Accepting our invitation were reigning snowboarding halfpipe champ Gretchen Bleiler, five-time X Games snowboarding gold medalist Tara Dakides and downhill mountain biker Jamie Little, who will be co-hosting ABC, ESPN and ESPN2's telecasts from Aspen, CO, January 24 to 27.



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Jamie Little

25, Carlsbad, CA

X credentials

An X Games host for the third consecutive year and a supercross reporter for ESPN, Jamie is also a downhill mountain bike racer.

From the X files

"People aren't used to seeing a girl so passionate about a male-dominated sport like motocross. I'm not a new face and I know my shit, but last year was my first Winter X Games and I was so blown away—I hadn't seen motorcycles on snow before. And as a host, I'm the one girl among a hundred hot guys who all want to talk to me. When you have a mic, you have power!"

I'm a girlie-girl sexpot, but I also get ripped apart crashing bikes

X marks the spot
"I've always been into guy stuff. I grew up riding horses and was a guide every day of the year—I'd have to break trails through five feet of snow. I got into riding motorcycles because I moved to Las Vegas when I was 13 and had a crush on Carey Hart. The coolest thing about this job is that I can be the girlie-girl sexpot, but then when I jump on a downhill mountain bike and get ripped apart crashing, the guys are still stoked. I'm not scared to go for it."

X factor
"A lot of times, people see this pretty girl around all the riders and think I'm just someone's girlfriend. Then I open my mouth and they understand why I have the job. I've always been into being fit. In high school I was voted best legs, but I think my stomach is my best feature."

X rated
"I love a guy who takes control in *and* out of the bedroom. I recently became a member of the mile-high club over the Sahara desert in Africa. We were in business class and we sneaked back to the coach-class bathrooms. I'm 5-foot-10 and my boyfriend is 6-foot-4, so you can imagine how ridiculous it was in that little bathroom."

I recently became a member of the mile-high club on a flight over the Sahara desert in Africa

Gretchen Bleiler

22, Aspen, CO

X credentials

Gretchen is the top-ranked female snowboarder in the halfpipe, having won eight consecutive competitions last season and titles at the Winter X Games, the U.S. Open, the Vans Triple Crown and the World Superpipe Championships.

From the X files

"Crazy things happen when you're traveling all the time. Last year, when I was staying at a mountain condo, I came back from the hot tub to find my underwear gone. I thought someone was playing a joke but I called the police. The cops eventually found this guy who had been stealing weird stuff from all the houses—my underwear seemed to be the main focus. It was funny, but also pretty messed up."

You need a strong lower body. My butt's shapely like J.Lo's

X marks the spot

"It's really important to know your stuff when it comes to the power of nature—in the last few years, two influential snowboarders have died in avalanches. The level of danger is a little different when you're in a halfpipe. Still, if I'm pulling a Crippler 7—flying upside down and six feet above the wall—and it goes wrong, I lose the contest and am rewarded with some serious damage."

X factor

"My butt's probably the most prominent feature on my body. It's shapely like J.Lo's, which is probably the reason I do well in snowboarding. You need a strong lower body to hold the board under you."

X rated

"One of the reasons I started snowboarding was for the boys. I really do look at their eyes, but I guess it's OK to admit that a tight booty can help a guy get in good with me. I could be a really good sugar mama, too, with all of the swag I've accumulated. I have an entire room dedicated to free stuff."

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I'm a control freak in life, so in the bedroom, I just want to give it all up

Tara Dakides

28, Mammoth Lakes, CA

X credentials

Tara has earned five X Games gold medals, recognition as "Snowboarder of the Year" three times by *Snowboarder* magazine and is the only female athlete to appear in the coveted *Mack Dawg* video series.

From the X files

"I don't have a storybook life. I went through a crazy upbringing and tried to come out of it being the best person I possibly could. I came up in a generation when teams didn't really need girls. We weren't marketable, so you really had to have something to get a sponsor. It was a lot of work and a lot of scars."

X marks the spot

"I broke my leg once and severed some nerves—my toes didn't work for six months. I've also torn my ACL and meniscus twice on one knee and once on the other, dislocated my elbow, sprained both ankles and probably had 50 minor concussions. I should probably start wearing a helmet."

X factor
"I get a lot of compliments on my ass—that and my smile. Mostly my ass, though, because it sticks out there and so it's easy to see. A snowboard booty is important for snowboarding. You've got to bounce."

X rated
"I'm a control freak in life, so when it comes to the bedroom I just want to give it all up. I look forward to meeting the guy who will push me around, a man with rough, cut-up, callused hands and more scars than me. But I don't fall for pickup lines. I'm into the guy who would try to use a line but then stumble and fall down and say, 'Fuck it. I'm retarded. Hi.' I've been asked if I would ever hook up with a girl, and I can see why girls might be attracted to each other: We smell better and we're better looking. I once got a lap dance from a girl and that was pretty sexy." **FHM**

Catch the X Girls online at FHMUS.com

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THE ASTRONAUT

Dr. Norman Thagard on drinking sweat, watching interstellar porn and being the first American on the Mir Space Station

You were the first American to train and then launch into space with Russian cosmonauts, in 1995. Was there a clash between the American and Russian styles?

Ulf Merbold, the European Space Agency's first astronaut, once said to me that in Europe they have a lot of rules, but they tend to not pay them much attention. In the United States, we don't have so many rules but we take them very seriously.

Any examples in particular?

When Yuri Gagarin was getting ready to become the first human in space on April 12, 1961, on his way to the launch pad he had to go to the bathroom one last time. So they stopped the vehicle and he got out and relieved himself against the tires. Every crew since, including mine, has followed that tradition.

Any other rock-'n'-roll cosmonaut moments?

Well, we took a case of cognac with us into orbit.

They let you bring booze to Mir?

We threw a party, as is tradition, for the launch support folks at Star City, which is an hour from Moscow. There was a case of cognac left over and we decanted it into these liter lab bottles, put the caps on tight and wrote "COK" on the side, which is Russian for juice. They were taken out to the Soyuz rocket and given to the cargo master, who manages the weight and balance and all that. They loaded them all in, and if they had any questions, I guess they were answered to satisfaction.

So you caught a buzz in space?

We were there for four months, so maybe on a Friday night, the flight engineer, Gennady Strekalov, would come to me with a little smile on his face and say, "It's time to have a drink." We each had a straw and would sip a bubble of cognac. Then we'd gently poke the floating bottle to the next guy. We would go around, just a few sips each, and then the commander would say, "That's enough," and we'd quit.

How long does it take to adjust to living in zero gravity?

Based upon my four previous shuttle flights, I had thought it took about two days. When I got to Mir, though, I realized it takes more like two weeks. At that point, you really do feel like you're at home.

They also recycle the urine, but they don't use it for drinking water, for psychological reasons

What about returning to Earth—is there a recovery time after spending so long with no gravity?

Imagine yourself going to bed right now and not getting up for four months straight, even to go to the bathroom. Your muscles are a use-it-or-lose-it phenomenon—they waste away and even your heart weakens. When we returned to Earth, out of the three of us, I was the only one who walked off the vehicle unassisted. The other two were carried off on stretchers.

When you're up in space for that long, what do you do about fresh air and water?

The vapor in the air is basically liquefied, and then it's purified. It goes through a filtration system and a disinfectant system and you wind up drinking that.

So aren't you drinking sweat?

The only moisture in the air is the sweat of the crew, so yeah, you're drinking recycled sweat. They also recycle the urine, but they don't use it for drinking water, for psychological reasons. That goes into a system that breaks the urine down into hydrogen and oxygen. They dump the hydrogen overboard because it's flammable, but they use the oxygen for the cosmonauts to breathe.

There's a lot of lethal space junk orbiting the earth. Were you ever worried about getting nailed?

On my first flight in 1983 on the Challenger, we noticed a ding in the pilot's window, so we knew we had hit some space debris. When we got back, they analyzed the window and then decided they had to replace it. The ding was caused by a paint fragment off an old satellite.

So a tiny paint chip was enough to cut glass?

The shuttle itself is moving at almost 18,000 mph. As we saw with the Shuttle Columbia, it took just a piece of foam to punch a hole through the wing.

Do you fear that going up?

It's always a possibility, but it's clearly a low probability event. I don't get terribly excited about those kinds of things. I was a Marine fighter pilot in Vietnam, so I've been shot at.

What is the work schedule like in space—do you get weekends off?

On a shuttle flight it's very intensive, and even if it were a two-week flight, every waking minute is occupied. On our Mir mission, which lasted four months, we actually had a fair amount of time off, say from noon on Saturday through Sunday.

Besides your booze stash, how did you guys blow off steam?

We'd watch a movie on a Friday night. There were all sorts of movies, overdubbed in Russian, of course. We had *Pretty Woman* and—oh, maybe I shouldn't say. Watch, we'll probably be sued for royalties. . . .

Any other types of entertainment?

You want to know about the porn?

You brought porn? Excellent!

I don't know exactly how it gets up there, but I assume in somebody's private stuff, because you're each allowed about 5.5 pounds of personal things to take with you.

So, some poor Russian chose porn?

Well, they're soft, not X-rated. It's probably more like hard R. There is full frontal nudity, but there's no explicit sex.

That has to be the most expensive pornography ever.

Yeah, probably so, but for the crew it's a psychological thing. We got a progress re-supply vehicle during our stay, and our families and friends had been allowed to include a 10-pound care package for each of us. One of my friends had sent me a copy of the *Sports Illustrated Swimsuit Edition*. My commander took a real interest in it and so I wound up giving it to him.

What was the first meal you ate when you got back from space?

I'd forgotten, but my flight surgeon went home with me the first night after landing to make sure that I'd be OK, and he insists that the first thing I did was grab a Coors. It sounds about right. **FHM**

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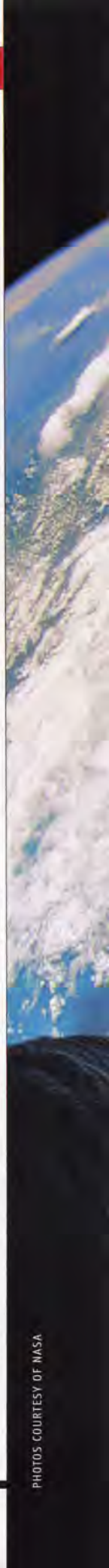

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Social Climber

Blurr creates gear for a different kind of rock star

Much like the bull bar on an accountant's SUV, most outdoor gear is loaded up with bells and whistles that you're never going to use unless you plan to climb Everest. Not to mention the stuff comes in colors bright enough to out-glow a pile of radioactive waste. Launching this spring, Blurr makes gear for the guy who wants to scramble up an 80-foot vertical rock face and then head out to the local watering hole without having to change. Blurr's clothes easily pass for streetwear despite sporting all the technical features necessary for a day of climbing. This includes anti-stink tops that wick sweat away from your body and jeans that stretch in all the right places. Plus, the understated color combinations and slightly tailored design mean you can wear them even when you're not looking for your next foothold.

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Ever's casual clothing is worn out before you can wear it out

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STOP AND SNIFF

Vera Wang

Can she attract a bride-to-be?

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Ladies, would you pet the dog?

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"It smells woodsy to me."
Would you pet the dog . . . ? YES

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"Mmm . . . smells good! I like it."
Would you pet the dog . . . ? YES

Elyssa, 29
"It's traditional, but not stuffy."
Would you pet the dog . . . ? YES

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"Smells like shaving cream."
Would you pet the dog . . . ? NO

Lara, 22
"It's musky, I really like it."
Would you pet the dog . . . ? YES

Danielle, 26
"It's a manly man's fragrance."
Would you pet the dog . . . ? YES

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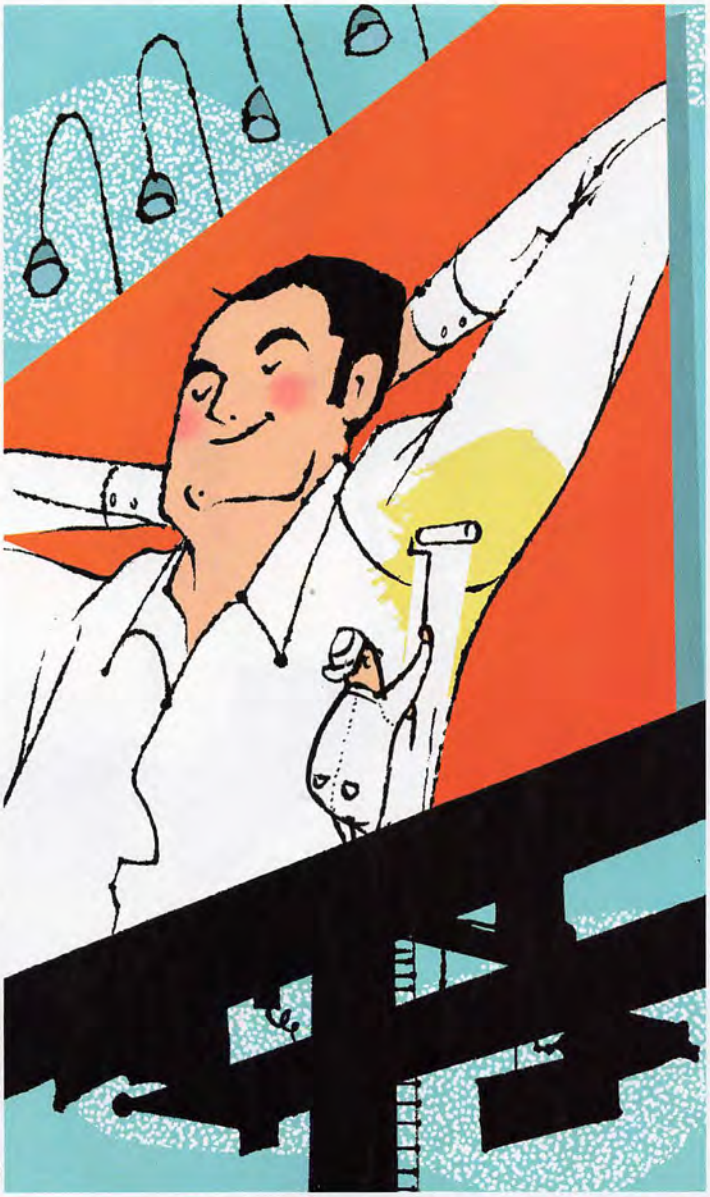
DICK'S DIARY

Fashion editor Elisabeth Dick answers your style questions so you can buy a shirt without a number on the back

BREAK THE BANK

Bottega Veneta Dog Accessories
Forget the sweaters your girl buys for her drop-kick yap machine. Give your best friend doggy style with Bottega Veneta's new bed, bowl, leather collars and leashes. The bed even reverses from shearling for winter to linen for summer.

Bed, $980, bowl, $450, collar, $280, leash, $290; Bottega Veneta boutiques, 877-362-1715



Q I wore an expensive dress shirt once and now it has big, yellow armpit stains. Should I switch antiperspirants?
E. Irwin, Chicago, IL

A Armpit stains are caused by sweat, not antiperspirants. Take it to a high-end dry cleaner that will pre-treat the stains before cleaning your shirt. John Mahdessian, president of Madame Paulette's dry cleaning in New York says, "Pre-treating stains makes the difference. If you want your clothes to last forever, it's worth paying extra for maintenance. Even if you take it to a local dry cleaner first, we can probably still get it out."

Madame Paulette's, 212-838-6827

Q My mom thinks my red Chuck Taylors are too girlie. My girlfriend disagrees. Who's right?
Roland Munoz, Hoboken, NJ

A Even though Chuck Taylor kicks have been available in red since 1966, it's understandable that your mom would consider anything beyond "safe" colors such as black, white, navy, etc. to be less than masculine. But given that guys now wear sneakers in every color of the rainbow from neon orange to lime green, there's absolutely nothing "girlie" about wearing red sneakers. Wearing T-shirts with Grover from *Sesame Street* on them is a different matter.

DICK'S DO'S & DON'TS

Dick scours New York, fashion capital of the world, for the guys who have it right and those who have it so, so wrong.

Do: If you're going to forgo the basic wool overcoat for something funkier, shearling is your best bet. A manly alternative to fur, shearling will keep you quite warm. This guy is rocking a rustic shearling coat, which goes with everything from jeans to cords (a good rule of thumb is the curlier the wool, the more casual the coat).

Don't: Though the parka is an acceptable overcoat in cold weather, this guy's neon version of the Michelin Man is not hot. Let's overlook that he has tucked his jeans into the backs of his sneakers. Neon, which is making a comeback this spring, should be worn sparingly. A jacket that contrasts neon with a darker color falls into the less is more category.

DO

DON'T

HELP ME!

Does your fragrance smell more like Oscar Mayer than Oscar de la Renta? Has a passerby made a donation to your Starbucks cup? Seek help now by e-mailing Dick's Diary at letters @FHMUS.com.

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Cliff Hangers

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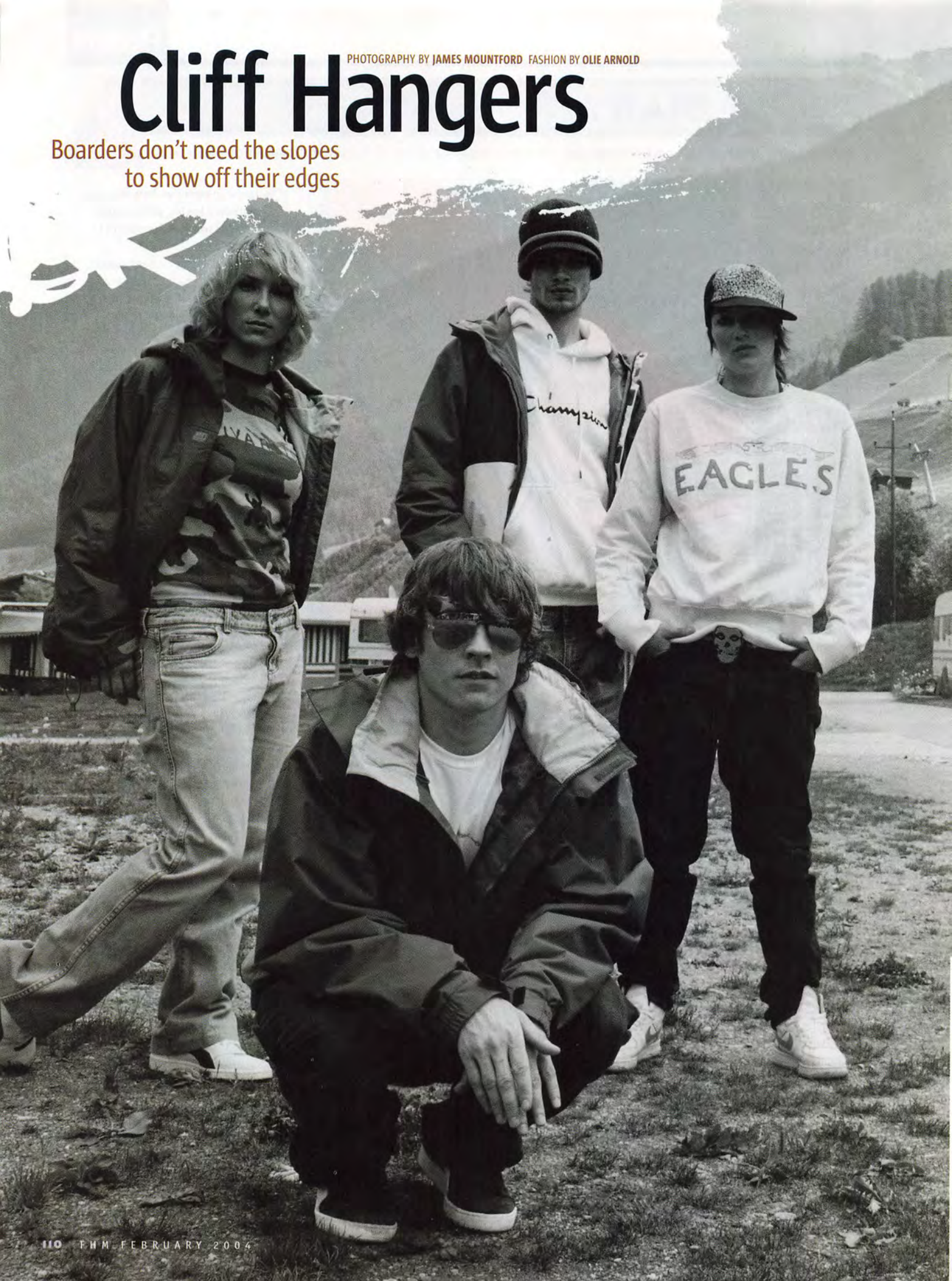
Boarders don't need the slopes to show off their edges



FROM LEFT: JACKET BY **HELLY HANSEN**, $230; T-SHIRT AND JEANS, MODEL'S OWN; SNEAKERS BY **PUMA**, $90. JACKET BY **WESTBEACH**, $400; HOODED SWEATER BY **CHAMPION**, $60; JEANS, $130, AND WOOL CAP, $30, BY **55DSL**. JACKET BY **BILLABONG**, $205; JEANS, MODEL'S OWN, SNEAKERS BY **PUMA**, $65; SUNGLASSES BY **ELECTRIC**, $140. SWEATER BY **LEVI'S**, $120; JEANS BY **CALVIN KLEIN JEANS**, $205; SNEAKERS BY **NIKE**, $100; CAP BY **STÜSSY**, $57; BELT, MODEL'S OWN. JACKET BY **BURTON SNOWBOARDS**, $260; JEANS BY **FAKE LONDON**, $260; SNEAKERS BY **GRAVIS**, $100. ZIP-UP SWEATER BY **BENETTON**, $90; T-SHIRT BY **ELECTRIC**, $36; CORDS BY **CALVIN KLEIN JEANS**, $107; SNEAKERS BY **VANS**, $50; SUNGLASSES BY **ELECTRIC**, $140. JACKET BY **BURTON SNOWBOARDS**, $230; T-SHIRT BY **ANON**, $80; JEANS BY **AMERICAN EAGLE OUTFITTERS**, $54; SNEAKERS BY **GRAVIS**, $82

OPPOSITE PAGE: COTTON HOODED SWEATER BY **BILLABONG**, $80; DRAWSTRING PANTS BY **PEPE JEANS**, $105. SHORTS BY **NIKE**, $36; TRACKSUIT PANTS BY **CALVIN KLEIN JEANS**, $100; CAP, MODEL'S OWN. ON HER: STRIPED POLO SHIRT BY **PRODUCT 250**, $50; PANTS, MODEL'S OWN

THIS PAGE: T-SHIRT BY **HORACE**, $75; TRACK PANTS BY **55DSL**, $90; CAP BY **DUFFER OF ST. GEORGE**, $50. ON HER, LEFT: ZIP-UP HOODED SWEATER BY **BURTON SNOWBOARDS**, $100; TRACK PANTS BY **CALVIN KLEIN JEANS**, $175. ON HER, RIGHT: STRIPED TOP BY **STÜSSY**, $50; TRACK PANTS BY **EVISU**, $230

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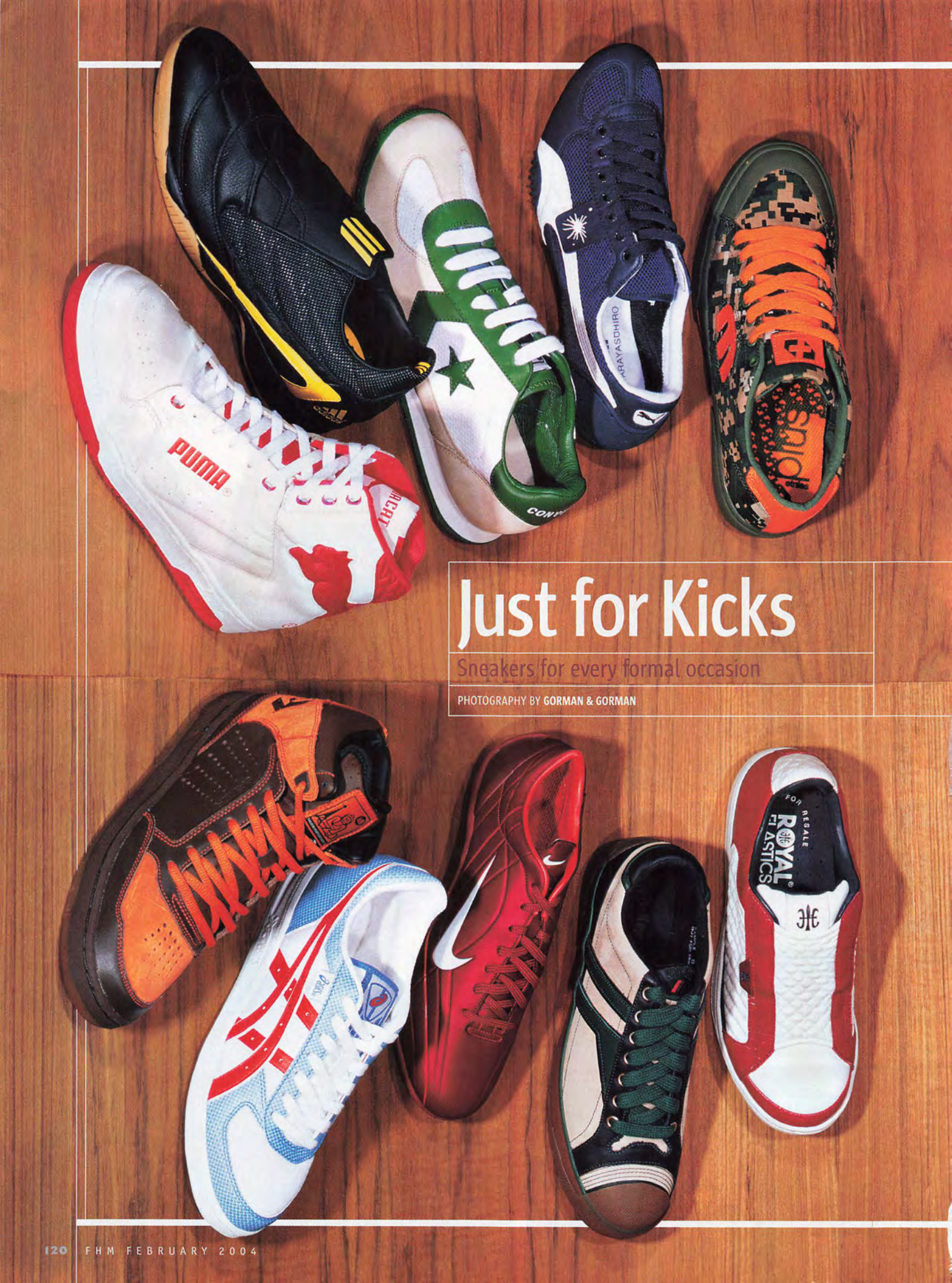

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The crowd grooved to the music spun by DJ Kirby at Raoul's Velvet Room.

TRUE CRIME: STREETS OF LA LAUNCH PARTY

Mark Wahlberg strolls the red carpet.

Nicole Richie and David Alan Grier

FHM partnered with **Activision** last fall to launch the **True Crime: Streets of LA** game at **Ivar Studios** in Los Angeles. This highly anticipated game delivers the deepest combination of high-speed driving, martial arts fighting, and double-fisted shooting ever burned into one game. Over 500 guests came out to experience the game on gaming kiosks, while enjoying cocktails and hors d'oeuvres. The party attracted celebrities such as **Mark Wahlberg**, **Nicole Richie**, **David Alan Grier**, **Shannon Elizabeth**, as well as **Adam Brody** and **Benjamin McKenzie** from the smash FOX television show, *The O.C.* Upon depature, beautiful ***FHM*** girls presented guests with a **Puma** giftbag which contained the **True Crime: Streets of LA** game, the December 2003 issue of ***FHM*** and **Puma** merchandise.

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Motorcycles take over the big screen in *Torque*, but only one—the Y2K—is the fastest street-legal bike on earth

BY PHILLIP CRANDALL

BEFORE HOLLYWOOD

"I've put turbine engines on aircraft, yachts, *everything*," says Ted McIntyre, owner of Marine Turbine Technologies. "The year 2000 was approaching and I thought, 'Weren't we supposed to be in flying cars by then?'" His answer—the Y2K, aka Turbine Superbike—is so advanced, he claims the military has asked about buying 20 of them. Sorry, Uncle Sam—only 12 exist so far.

AIR OR LAND

Helicopters use the full force of an Allison C18 turbine engine to maintain forward air speed and defy gravity; this 500-pounder hardly pushes it past idle before it's taunting highway troopers. Going from zero to 60 mph takes 1.5 ticks and its two-speed tranny means once you hit 70, your left thumb can just flip a switch and you're off to a money-back guaranteed 250 mph.

STUNT DOUBLES

Torque producers used multiple replicas of most bikes for stunts, special effects and camera rigs. Eighty-six were brought in, but thanks to an ill-placed cliff, only 85 made it out. These potential oopsy-daisies made producers forgo using multiple $185,000 Y2Ks. Instead, they mocked up a KTM Duke and Kawasaki ZX9 for wheelies and lay-downs.

GOD IS MY CO-PILOT

"Riding the Y2K is like being pushed by the hand of God," McIntyre says. It may make for divine riding, but few could relate. He estimates more people have been in space than popped a Y2K squat. Of the 12 Y2Ks out there, *Torque* used No. 4, the Smithsonian displayed No. 9, and Jay Leno snagged No. 2. "Jay said, 'I'm in the More Money Than Brains club. How much?'"

BONUS FEATURES

It's fun to outrun patrolmen when you can reach a deuce and a half on the speedometer, but instead of giving cops the satisfaction of clocking you, the Y2K now comes equipped with a scrambler that jams laser radars. Should they attempt to give chase, you can watch them huff your dust with the TV camera installed in the taillight lens, connected to a six-inch-squared TV screen built into the dash. Should you pull over amicably, have the wallet ready. "One customer sent me a copy of his ticket," McIntyre says. "$10,000 for going 217 mph in a 55, and $100 for noise."

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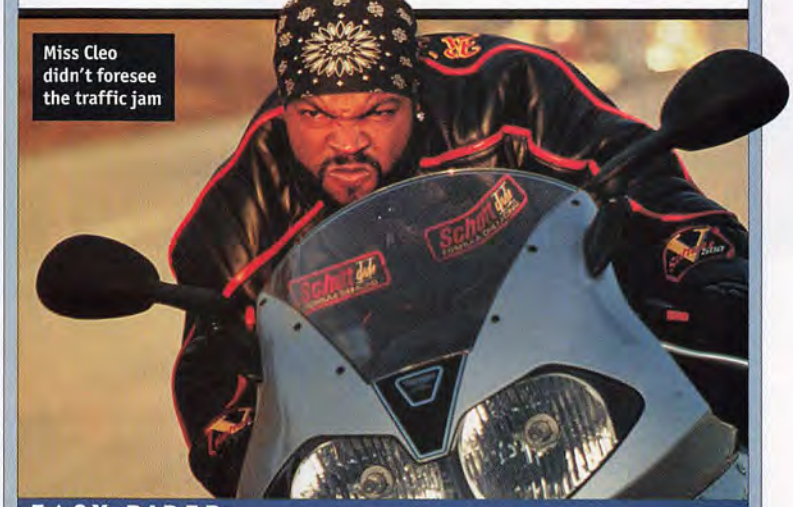

Miss Cleo didn't foresee the traffic jam

EASY RIDER

ICE CUBE

***Torque's* other star on bike riding, packing heat and rolling in his Bug**

Did you get to ride this Y2K thing?
I sat on it, but I didn't ride it. I rode a Triumph 959 and got it up to, like, 100 mph, but I couldn't stomach anything faster.

How anal was everyone on the set about safety?
They were real overprotective. I knew how to ride, but they felt safer putting us through their little maneuver training class.

Weren't you worried for Ice's cubes?
Nah. I'd ridden on dirt bikes and street bikes growing up and never had an accident. I wasn't a big bike guy, but I have to get a chopper now. I've been watching *Monster Garage* with my boy Jesse James and *American Chopper*—they're kinda fly.

What did you buy with your first *Straight Outta Compton* check?
A BMW 5 Series. Before that, I was driving a battleship gray '68 VW Bug. It was ugly.

What did people say when they saw Cube in a Bug?
Shit, I was rolling. What were they gonna say? "Give me a ride." As long as you got something, that's all that matters. Me and a couple high school buddies all rolled out in Bugs. We had a damn Bug Club.

Eazy-E used to drive fast in the rain and let the car spin

How did you pimp it out?
I didn't have it like that, but I have a Navigator now with six TVs. Everyone asks for a ride, but I only chauffeur around my kids.

How do car seats hold up in the lowriders?
I ain't putting no car seat in the lowriders, man. I wouldn't let my kids in until they can sit in a seat belt—and my lowriders don't have seat belts.

How do you stay safe then?
You're in a lowrider—you ain't trying to stay safe.

Who was the worst driver in N.W.A.?
Eazy-E. He used to do stupid shit like drive fast when it rained, pull the emergency brake and let the car spin. He thought it was funny, but I wasn't laughing.

How much road rage do you get from L.A. driving?
I ain't never really tripped on road rage, but L.A. driving is real shitty. I just back-street everything. You have to know the Beverly Glenn. It takes you through the canyon, away from that 405 Freeway rush hour.

You once rapped about late-night Fatburgers, but doesn't In-N-Out have that convenient drive-through?
Yeah. I like In-N-Out better now. Fatburger is franchised and nasty. It's not the same.

Do you keep napkins in your glove compartment?
Nah, that's where I keep my gun so I can get it right away. Back in '88, me and my homeboy Phil got into it with some dudes. You know, personal business. Everyone was arguing and getting stuff off their chests, then everyone pulled straps. Nobody did anything, so we rode out. They chased us down to apologize, but we didn't know they were gonna apologize. I was thinking, "If I see a gun, I'm shooting." I had my .357 on my lap.

But they're not for road-rage purposes?
I told you, I don't have road rage. It's just in case I have to kill someone for fucking with me. Or asking stupid questions.

INTERVIEW BY PHILLIP CRANDALL; RICHARD FOREMAN

MR. PLOW

SNOW TREKKING

Fight winter back with the white stuff's worst enemy, the Sno-Cat's 2000 Tucker-Terra

BY LINDSAY BROWN

Where there is snow, there are men wrenching their backs so they can pull out of their driveway, extreme kids looking to attain higher levels of extreme, and dogs marking their territory in yellow. Enter this $110,000 multitasking behemoth—more than 6.5 tons of steel that can clear sidewalks, create eight acres of shredding trails in about an hour and haul more than a ton of powder in a single lift.

Just as trucks have four-wheel drive, the Tucker-Terra has a four-track drive. Ideal for moving on snow, the 26-inch rubber track tames rocky, sandy and muddy terrains just as easily. Control the hydraulics Atari-style with a joystick and waste the day away with such accessories as a $9,500 12-way plow blade, $25,000 tiller and $25,000 crane. You can also add a CD or DVD player inside the plush ergonomic interior so you'll never have to head back to the cabin.

The 5.9L, 185-horsepower engine is good for a surprising 25 mph and a thunderous 540 foot-pounds of torque. Fortunately for anyone who hates the DMV, you don't have to waste time getting a special license—if you can drive a pickup, you can drive this. And if you promise to keep it off-road, you don't need a license at all. See ya behind the wheel, Ol' Dirty Bastard!

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MAPLE LEAF MECHANIC

Edmonton mechanic Dennis Kronebusch offers us Southerners cold-weather car counseling

Block out

Nothing defines "eh" culture like a block heater. "Cars refuse to start when it's 35 below outside," Kronebusch says. "This is like a kettle heating up the engine's antifreeze." Cost is about $75 Canadian—or about the cost of a six-pack in U.S. dollars.

Foggin' cold

Instead of rushing off and fogging up your interior, put the defroster on high and wait it out. Or invest in another Canuck contraption: "Everyone has a remote starter," Kronebusch explains. "Ten minutes before I leave, I start my truck from inside the house, and everything is nice and warm by the time I go."

Remember the hood

Clearing your window's buildup seems obvious, but neglecting your hood is like wiping before you deuce. Snow will blow back on the windows or onto other cars. "Ice also gets sucked into the defroster and instantly fogs up the windows," Kronebusch says. "It pays to not be lazy."

Battery check

Just as Tom Green checks his lone ball, the battery must be checked regularly. "It gets dormant and doesn't get the cranking power," Kronebusch explains.

"Oops. Forgot the baby"

Blow 'em up

"Tire pressure will drop a pound per 10 degrees Fahrenheit in the winter," Kronebusch says. "For some reason, cold aggravates metal and rubber, so you have to boost the pressure to keep from getting flats."

Antifreeze

Gas tanks fog up just like glasses. Adding gas-line antifreeze fights condensation, but be careful. "There are two types of antifreeze," Kronebusch says, "one for fuel injection; one for carburetors." If you're not sure, ask the nearest uncle or neighbor.

ICING

JASON CHIMERA

Born, raised and now playing in Edmonton, this Oiler knows how to handle the roads come winter

"Penalty box? That's what I call Lindros's wife"

What's a typical Edmonton winter like?
It's bone-chilling cold, but you get used to it. It's not freezing all the time, but last winter we got dumped on—I was shoveling snow two or three times a day by October.

Are the Edmonton conditions difficult to drive in?
A lot of people don't know how to drive in it. If you go at a safe speed and you're careful, it's not that bad. Ice really isn't a factor when most people slow down to a crawl. My tip for the car itself is to plug it in. A lot of people actually don't know what a block heater is, but if you live up here, you have to get one. Just make sure you start your car early.

What do you drive?
A 2001 GMC Yukon. I had a truck for a couple of years, but if you don't put sandbags in the back, you're going to get in trouble because it's pretty light. If it's not a 4x4, it fishtails on you.

Does being a hockey player give you a better feel for driving on ice?
Maybe because we play on ice we know how to react. I've never thought of that. I do consider myself a good winter driver.

I couldn't survive in Florida. Snow means it's hockey weather

Ever dream of playing in a warmer climate?
It's kind of weird on draft day, but I got drafted by my hometown, so it's cool. Being an Oiler means you go to a bar and everyone offers to buy me a drink. I couldn't survive in Tampa Bay or somewhere else. Snow means it's hockey weather. I think of snow and I think of hockey. You get more pumped up when there's snow on the way to the rink. It puts you in a good hockey mood.

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Hot Spot

the inside story on Great Sex!

by Jamie Ireland

Learning "The Ropes"...

This month I got a letter from a reader in Texas about a "little secret" that has made her sex life with her husband absolutely explosive. (Those Texans know their stuff, let me tell you.)

Tina writes:

Dear Jamie,

Last month my husband returned from a business trip in Europe, and he was hotter and hornier than ever before, with more passion than he has had for years. It was incredible. He flat wore me out! And the best part of all—he was having multiple orgasms. I know what you're thinking... men don't have multiples, but trust me he was, and his newfound pow! pow! power! stimulated me into the most intense orgasms I've ever had. So, before we knew it, we were both basking in the glow of the best sex of our lives!

We tried tantric stuff in the past, and the results were so-so. But this was something new and exciting, completely out of the ordinary. I asked my husband what had created such a dramatic change in our lovemaking and he told me he'd finally learned "the ropes."

On the last night of his business trip my husband spent an evening dining out with a Swedish nutritionist and his wife of 20 years. The couple was obviously still quite enamored with each other, so my husband asked their secret. The nutritionist told him their sex life was more passionate than ever. Then he pulled a small bottle from his satchel and gave it to my husband. The bottle contained a natural supplement that the nutritionist told my husband would teach him "the ropes" of good sex.

My husband takes the supplement every day. The supply from the nutritionist is about to run out and we desperately want to know how we can find more. Do you know anything about "the ropes," and can you tell us how we can find it in the States?

Sincerely,
Tina C., Ft. Worth, Texas

Tina, you and the rest of our readers are in luck, because it just so happens I do know about "the ropes" and the supplement your husband's Swedish friend likely shared.

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The term used by the Swedish nutritionist is actually fairly common slang for the effect your husband experienced. The enhanced contractions and heightened orgasmic release are often referred to as ropes because of the rope-like effect of release during climax. In other words, as some people have said, "it just keeps coming and coming and coming."

As far as finding it in the States, I know of just one importer—Böland Naturals. If you are interested, you can contact them at 1-866-ogoplex or ogoplex.com. Ogöplex is all-natural and safe to take. All the people I've spoken with have said taking the once-daily tablet has led to the roping effect Tina described in her letter.

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MOUNTAIN MASTER

Snowboarding champ Shaun White twists above the snow like a drunken Santa Claus

BY KYLE ANDERSON

If there's one thing the downfall of Mötley Crüe has taught us, it's that the only snow typically found in Southern California is the powder Nikki Sixx is snorting off some stripper's ass. So how did a 17-year-old kid from San Diego become a championship snowboarder?

"Man, that's been the weirdest part for me," says Shaun White, a champion in both the halfpipe and slopestyle events at last year's Winter X Games. "It's a family thing. We would always take these little trips and I just got into it after my brother started snowboarding." White began competing at the age of 7, and he's been dominating the slopes ever since.

"The competitions are pretty mellow," he says. "It's just a bunch of guys hanging out at a course. If some guy was like, 'I've been dead-lifting 250 and I'm huge like the Hulk! You're going down!' everybody else would be like, 'What? Are you lost?'"

For those that have the indifference to competition that apparently marks all great snowboarders, White has compiled tips on how to land his favorite tricks. That is assuming, of course, that you don't mind taking lessons from a kid who's still in high school.

The 2004 Winter X Games can be seen January 24 through 27 on ABC, ESPN and ESPN2.

SHAUN'S SNOWBOARDING GUIDE

The X Games champ helps you plant tricks with your board and not your face

BEGINNER: Frontside 360

"For beginners who are gonna hit a jump, this is the easiest trick that wouldn't look lame," White advises. "It's all about windup and commitment." To rotate a full 360 degrees in midair, approach the jump with your lead shoulder dipped and your lead arm across your body with your hand on the opposite hip. Once you take off, throw your arms forward to create your spin momentum. "Keep looking over your shoulder for the landing," he says. "You have to lead with your head a bit. But if you can see your landing, your body will follow."

INTERMEDIATE: Cab 540

Once you've mastered the 360, start building onto it. Hit a jump while riding switch, aka with the opposite foot forward from normal. Do a simple 180, then tack the frontside 360 onto the end of it. "It's easier if you cork," says White, so tilt your front shoulder backward, which will angle your body and make you parallel to the mountain slope. "This way you can spot your landing right away because you're sort of sideways." White swears this trick shouldn't take more than a day to learn. "It looks a lot harder than it actually is," he says. "This one will get it done for the girls. They'll take notice."

ADVANCED: Cab 720

"You'll need to hit a bigger jump to do this one," White says. Pretend you're doing a Cab 540, then sock on another 180 degrees of rotation at the end. "It's easier if you grab tail," he advises. To clarify for any perverts, that simply means holding onto the end of the board after takeoff. "If your arms aren't hanging onto something, they'll just be flailing and you'll have a harder time keeping yourself steady." Those still having trouble with more basic tricks can use that tip as well.

BONUS HALFPIPE TRICK: The McTwist

There's no easier place to make an ass of yourself than on the halfpipe. Luckily, this flip is spectacularly easy to master. "This was the first flipping trick that I learned," White says. "And I landed it the first time I threw it." Hit the wall of the halfpipe with good speed, dip your front shoulder down, tuck your hands at your waist, then throw your arms forward and over your head as you hit the lip. "You can do it as big as you want, and it looks really good," he says. "It basically lands itself."

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Also pump your arms as if you're running, but don't bother getting into the hardcore speed-skater tuck. "You probably won't be comfortable," Ohno advises. "That's a super-unorthodox body position where you're in a full squat with your legs pumping like pistons. It really hurts. Instead, just get a nice knee bend."

For anyone seriously trying to up their speed, Ohno suggests one-legged squats with no weight. "Prop one leg up onto a bench and make sure you squat deep enough that your other leg gets parallel to the ground," he says.

Then, because you can only skate so far until you hit a rink wall, you have to learn the turn. "You should be leaning almost horizontally," Ohno says. Drop one hand to the ice for balance, but keep all the pressure going through the blade. "Some of the guys will drop down and pivot on their ear," he says. "But that's when we're messing around."

SEX NEWS

The latest breakthroughs from the evolving world of rumpty

Black widows get men hot

To the great excitement of Bob Dole, Chilean scientists believe the venom of a black widow spider can help cure impotence. The scientists are working to maximize blood flow to the penis while at the same time minimizing the need to actually get bitten by a black widow. As an added perk, the venom can also cause infertility, meaning the spider could not only make casual sex easier, but also risk-free.

Penis scoops competition

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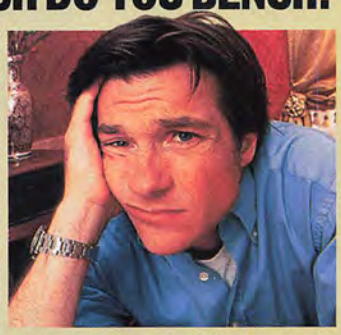

Let's talk about the Fox sitcom you star in, *Arrested Development*.

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Mm-hmm. And how much can you bench press? Anything as Teen Wolf Too doesn't count.

Oh, I don't bench press. Instead, I'm extremely sexually active with my wife, and if I ever want to put on some extra mass, I get her to carbo load. Then I get her up on top of me. I get a good pump that way. You know what I mean?

Not really. Is that anything like the Atkins diet?

Well, I keep away from the carbs unless I'm training for a big triathlon. There's a great, big fat girl inside me waiting to come out, so I try to keep it to just protein if I can.

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Handsome dude ruins Artie's ecstasy

A lot of people come up and ask if I've ever had sex on ecstasy. Well, here's what happened: About 10 years ago, I had finished my show at a comedy club in New York, when a hot chick asked me if I'd ever done ecstasy. I said no and she told me I should try it with her. We would take a hit, go dancing, then go back to her place and make love. At the time, I was very self-destructive and very horny, so I said sure. Usually I hate dancing, but not that night. I was jumping around like a retard, touching this chick and making out with her. Then she said she had to go to the bathroom. She was gone for 20 minutes, so I went to look for her. When I found the bitch, she was making out with some dickhead who looked like a male model. I kept trying to get her attention, but nothing worked. So now I'm really horny and alone. I left the club and tried to get a slice of pizza, but that ecstasy shit is like coke, you can't eat on it. So I went home. At the time, I was living with my mother in Jersey. I went to the basement and turned on Nick at Nite, which was showing an old episode of *WKRP in Cincinnati*. After two scenes with Loni Anderson, I was done. Jerking off on ecstasy doesn't make you feel like Mr. Cool. Here's the moral of this story, kids: Don't do ecstasy, unless you're good-looking.

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TRUE STORY OF THE MONTH

LOVE LINE

Carolla dumps Dixie Chick

A few years ago, Natalie from the Dixie Chicks asked me to escort her to the Grammys because she thought I was funny on *Loveline*. My girlfriend was pissed, but I went. The next Monday, there was a bouquet waiting at my *Man Show* office with the note: "Thanks for a nice night. Give me a call, Natalie." So, I called to thank her and casually explain that I had a girlfriend. The next day I got a huge cookie with the note, "Missing you." Then a six-foot sub with a sign that said, "I will not be ignored." I shared an office with Jimmy Kimmel and one of our producers. They were like, "Man, this chick is out of control. You have to stop this." When a pair of panties showed up with a very graphic note, I realized she was stalking me. I called Natalie on her cell phone right then and said, "Listen, I realize you can't help being attracted to me, but you have to stop sending me things." She was like, "What? I never sent anything." I looked up and the whole office was in my doorway, laughing. I was like, "Um, I gotta call you back." The guys had sent all the stuff. To their credit, the Dixie Chicks came on *Loveline* six months later and were sweet as sugar.

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Former* FHM *sex columnist Grub Smith's show* Travel Sick *returns to Comedy Central January 23.

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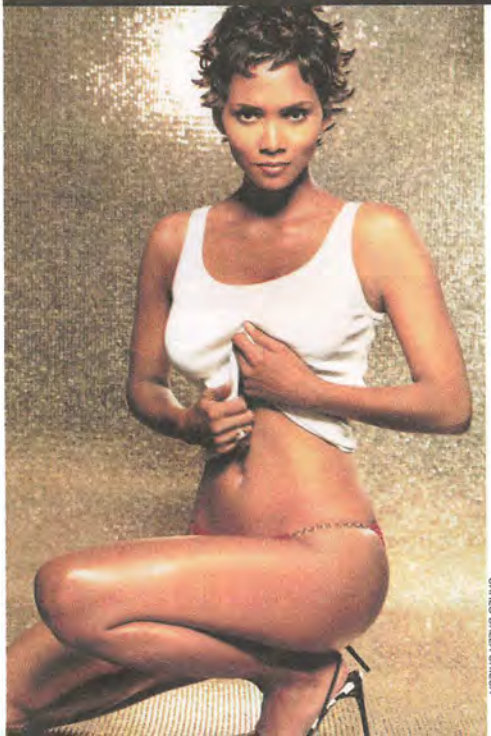

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Penitentiary seeks female intern
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Looking
women between 70 and
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dain for soot, dirt, black lung
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salary/insurance options.

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